

UNIVERSITY SENATE
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Transfer Credit Limitation

INTRODUCED BY: Undergraduate Academic Council
December 3, 1979

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- I. That for the B.A. and B.S. degrees, a maximum of 64 transfer credits from two-year colleges or schools may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree requirements for all students graduating in May 1984 and thereafter. The only exception to this limitation shall apply to Business Education majors who may receive additional transfer credit applicable toward their degrees for required courses in typing and shorthand completed at two-year institutions after matriculation at SUNY-Albany.
- II. That this resolution be referred to the President for his approval.

RATIONALE

The current policy pertaining to transfer credit from two-year institutions is vague and starts out with the word "generally". Although a maximum of 64 transfer credits is indicated, it is not clear whether this applies only to initial transfer credit or a combination of transfer credit both before and after matriculation at Albany.

The above proposal (without the Business Education exception) was approved by the 1978-1979 Curriculum Committee but not passed by the UAC. With the exception included, it has passed the 1979-1980 Curriculum Committee again and has the support of the UAC. The exception was provided only for students in Business Education because of required courses in typing and shorthand they might have to take which are not offered on this campus. It was felt that these students should not be penalized if they did not happen to complete these requirements at their two-year institution.

It is felt that the current vague policy had the intent of limiting the number of transfer credits from two-year institutions to 64 credits. Such institutions are considered as being lower division and a limit of 64 credits of such lower-level work does not seem unreasonable to be applied toward the degree at Albany. Adoption of the policy would still permit the university to grant additional transfer credit beyond the 64-credit maximum to students who take additional coursework at a four-year college or university.