



TO: SUNY Board of Trustees
FROM: University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Programs and Policies Committee and University Faculty Senate
RE: Resolution: Request to align the 1976 MTP “Credit/Contact Hour Relationship” for applied learning to the regulations set by the NY State Commissioner of Education.
DATE: October 26, 2024
LOCATION: SUNY Plattsburgh, NY
RESOLUTION #: 198-04-2 Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies
VOTE: For: 7 / Against: 34

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS: the June 30, [1976 SUNY Memorandum to Presidents Vol. 76 No.8, Item #5](#), limits the number of “clock-hours” of weekly Supervised academic activity in applied learning (previously defined as experiential learning) specifying that one semester credit hour will be awarded for each 40-45 clock-hour week of supervised academic activity that provides the learning considered necessary to program study, and

WHEREAS: [Title 8 Chapter II of the Regulations of the NY State Commissioner of Education Part 50 and section 52.2](#) does not contain that limitation, as indicated by the Credit/Contact Hour definition found in §50.1 (o) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education confirming that a “semester hour means a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a course which requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 52.2(c)(4) of this Subchapter. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credit granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year.”

WHEREAS: The MTP prescribes the number of credits per hours of student work, indicating that there is a formula for allocating numbers of credits. The Commissioner’s regulations on the other hand indicate the minimum amount of work required in order to award credit. This discrepancy may conflict with efforts to reduce credits, time, financial aid implications and costs required for students to complete their degree.

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the University Faculty Senate requests that the SUNY Chancellor direct the Provost’s office to update the SUNY June 30, 1976 Memorandum to Presidents titled “Credit/Contact Hour Relationship” (Vol. 76, No. 8) Item #5 to align with the Regulations of the Commissioner to

define the applied learning credit hour as a minimum of 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments.