

Motion for extending the policy on waiving non-Trustee general education requirements for transfer students holding A.A. and A.S. degrees to also include B.A. and B.S. degree holders.

**Introduced by the Standards for Students Committee
at the April 2008 Senate Meeting**

This motion applies only to GE2K requirements, which have both List A (Trustee requirements) and List B (Non-trustee/Buffalo State requirements). Since Intellectual Foundations does not have List A and B, it does not apply to IF.

Buffalo State's current policy (page 13 of the 07-09 college catalog) reads as follows:

Students transferring to Buffalo State with an A.A. or A.S degree must complete the remaining hours of the Trustees' general educational requirements at Buffalo State but are not obligated to take additional Buffalo State general education courses (now referred to as Intellectual Foundations courses) beyond those mandated by SUNY. This continues the policy established in fall 1996 that waives the Buffalo State general education requirements for students who enter with an A.A. or A.S. degree.

Whereas a waiver policy currently exists for transfer students holding the lower A.A. or A.S. degrees but not the higher B.A. or B.S. degrees,

Whereas transfer students with B.A. or B.S. degrees must petition through the Academic Appeals Committee to have non-Trustee general education requirements waived, and the Academic Appeals Committee reports approving 100% of such petitions,

Whereas transfer students with B.A. or B.S. degrees do not always know that they can petition these requirements, thereby creating inequity within our degree standards,

Whereas transfer students unaware of the petition process who take unnecessary coursework fill seats that could be used by students actually needing the course for degree completion,

Therefore:

Be it resolved that the current policy be revised to read (**changes in bold**):

*Students transferring to Buffalo State with an A.A., A.S., **B.A, or B.S.** degree must complete the remaining hours of the Trustees' general educational requirements at Buffalo State but are not obligated to take additional Buffalo State general education courses (now referred to as Intellectual Foundations courses) beyond those mandated by SUNY. This **extends** the policy established in fall 1996 that waives the Buffalo State general education requirements for students who enter with an A.A. or A.S. degree.*