

RESOLUTION ON CLARIFYING REGIONAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT IN TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Educational Policy & Student Affairs Committee  
Faculty Senate  
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*Whereas* Ohio University's transfer credit policy is a collaborative effort owned by academic leadership and executed by administrative units of the institution at the faculty's discretion,

*Whereas* Ohio University follows best practices of peer institutions as defined by the Higher Learning Commission's Assumed Practices when determining what is transferable credit,

*Whereas* the Higher Learning Commission's Assumed Practices recognizes college-level coursework from institutions with accreditation from a major regional accrediting body as the foundation of credit transferability,

*Whereas* in 2009 the Ohio Department of Higher Education directed that public institutions should further define a regional accrediting body as one that is a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA),

*Whereas* in 2011, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NCCU), the regional accrediting body for a number of western states, opted out of its membership with CHEA and is now recognized as a previous member but remains the regional accreditor for a number of flagship universities,

*Whereas* current catalog language now restricts Ohio University from accepting external credit from NCCU-accredited institutions,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate endorses the OHIO Undergraduate Catalog be amended as follows to clarify the regional accreditation requirement in transfer credit policy:

Specifically, transfer credit will be accepted for successfully completed (as defined below), college-level courses from institutions of higher education that are accredited by regional accrediting commissions that have been recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.