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Resolution SP2014.2: Adoption of the Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) Reciprocity, Course Substitution, External Exams, and Credit by Exam Policy

Moved: Professor Nance

Seconded: Professor Rutan

Whereas, Senate Bill (SB) 1440 (Padilla, 2010) prompted Santiago Canyon College (SCC) to develop Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT), and currently, SCC has 7 approved ADTs and is in the process of developing one additional ADT degree;

Whereas, Many students take courses at multiple community colleges and may begin an ADT at one community college and finish at another, and in the process, they find out that a course taken in good faith may not apply at other colleges, which is an issue given the 60-unit limitation for AA-T and AS-T degrees;

Whereas, Students who attended a non-California Community College that is regionally accredited may use credits to meet an AA-T/AS-T general education and/or major requirement, providing that the courses meet the CSU/IGETC GE and/or C-ID descriptor standards; and

Whereas, Students with External Exams (Advance Placement, College Level Exam Program and International Baccalaureate Exam) and Credit by Exam may be granted credits to meet AA-T/AS-T general education and/or major requirements;

Whereas, A reciprocity policy regarding general education and major requirements for the AA-T and AS-T degrees would eliminate unnecessary repetition of classes and reduce college cost, would allow students broader educational opportunities given that different colleges possess differing course offerings, would reduce the amount of local workload created by the circulation of student petitions, and would help students complete their degrees in a more expeditious and effective manner; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urged local senates and curriculum committees to adopt a reciprocity policy for courses contained in the Transfer Model Curriculum for the Associate Degrees for Transfer;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College accepts the recommended AA-T and AS-T Reciprocity, Course Substitution, External Exams, and Credit by Exam Policy (see attached), which the Santiago Canyon College Curriculum & Instruction Council approved on November 4, 2013; and

Resolved, If the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College adopts the policy that it will be published in the Santiago Canyon College 2014-2015 Catalog.

Date Presented: 18 February 2014

Date Approved: **4 March 2014**

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Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) Reciprocity, Course Substitution, External Exams, and Credit by Exam Policy and Procedures.

Students who have taken courses from a California Community College, a regionally accredited institution, completed an external exam such as AP, CLEP, or IB or Credit by Exam may be granted credit towards an AA-T/AS-T general education and/or major requirement. Courses will be reviewed by one of the following methods.

General Education Courses

- General education courses taken at other California Community Colleges are granted course-to-course reciprocity providing the course in question appears on the CSU-Plan B or IGETC-Plan C at the time the student completed the course.
- Non-California Community College general education courses are reviewed by the Articulation Officer via the pass along process in accordance with the CSU-Plan B or IGETC-Plan C standards.
- Students who completed an external examination such as AP, CLEP or IB are granted credit towards general education consistent with CSU GE and IGETC policies.
- Santiago Canyon College Credit by Exam may be granted for general education only if a course is eligible and listed in the Credit by Exam section of the SCC Catalog.

Major Requirement Courses

- A major requirement with a C-ID number taken at another California Community College (CCC) is granted course-to-course reciprocity and meets the same designated C-ID major requirement found in the SCC's AA-T/AS-T.
- A major requirement completed at another California Community College that is approved as part of their AA-T or AS-T, will be applied to the corresponding Santiago Canyon College AA-T/AS-T area. Courses completed at other CCCs must be part of their AA-T/AS-T at the time the student completed the course, if a course is not part of the AA-T/AS-T then the course must be reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor. Courses completed at other CCCs prior to the AA-T/AS-T approval, will be "grandfathered".
- A major requirement without a C-ID number taken at another California Community College, where an AA-T/AS-T does not exist, is reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor.
- A non-California Community College major requirement taken at a regionally accredited institution is reviewed by the SCC discipline faculty in accordance with the C-ID descriptor and if comparable, course-to-course substitution is granted.
- Students who completed an external examination such as AP, CLEP or IB are granted credit towards major requirements where exam-to-course comparability exists; if exam-to-course comparability does not exist the discipline faculty reviews the external exam and determines course comparability if a course is offered (Students should be aware that external exam credit may be awarded/counted differently by the transfer institution).
- Santiago Canyon College Credit by Exam may be granted for major requirement only if a course is eligible and listed in the Credit by Exam section of the SCC Catalog.

It is strongly recommended students make an appointment with a Santiago Canyon College counselor to discuss appropriate credit placement.