

Curriculum and Academic Planning Committee
Resolution for Introducing Micro-Credentials Program at Old Westbury

WHEREAS, SUNY's Board of Trustees approved a Policy Framework in January 2018 which, in part, acknowledges that the question of whether to offer micro-credential awards is subject to local governance processes and approval; and

WHEREAS, thirteen campuses currently offer credit and/or non-credit bearing micro-credential awards; and

WHEREAS, the School of Professional Studies presented a proposal to CAP in March 2018 for Old Westbury to offer a Micro-Credential in Non-Profit Management; and

WHEREAS, CAP referred the question of micro-credentials along with a summary of its discussion to the Senate Executive Committee for the faculty to consider as a body; and

WHEREAS, following a presentation to the full faculty in May 2018 by the Director of Professional Studies, the Faculty Senate arranged for a Task Force to be formed composed of representatives of the four Schools, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Student Government, Academic Advising and the Registrar's office, to discuss the introduction of micro-credentials; and

WHEREAS, Old Westbury's Micro-Credential Task Force Proposal indicates that offering micro-credentials at Old Westbury may benefit current and prospective students in a variety of ways, by attracting non-traditional (e.g., non-matriculated) students to the College and motivating current students to complete their degrees (i.e., rewards for exploring an area of study they would not have otherwise pursued, manageable secondary specializations, and employable skill sets); and

WHEREAS, each proposal for a micro-credential award at Old Westbury would be subject to the same process of local governance as minors and certificates, including demonstration of prior collaboration with and approval by affected departments or programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the offering of micro-credentials at Old Westbury on a trial basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that initial micro-credential offerings, once approved, undergo review by CAP after they have been in effect for one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration, in consultation with faculty governance, set up a process for evaluating costs and identifying resources for implementing the micro-credentials program.

Approved by CAP for submission to Senate, November 16, 2018.