

University Faculty Senate

Proposed: December 4, 2012  
Adopted: 63 in favor, 3 opposed,  
2 abstentions

Resolution Calling for a Review of and Moratorium on Pathways

Whereas, the CUNY faculty is committed to providing our students with an excellent education, and

Whereas, the University Faculty Senate has expressed its objections to both the process and substance of the Pathways curriculum many times, both formally and informally, both in writing and orally, and

Whereas, as the implementation of Pathways has progressed to each subsequent stage, the flaws of the Pathways curriculum have emerged more and more clearly to the faculty who will be teaching these courses and approving degree candidates, faculty who have spent their professional lives and careers devoted to the education of our students, and

Whereas, faculty members have created courses under protest and in the context of coercion and because of the necessity of providing new courses for their students, and

Whereas, certain curricular problems have been identified at campus after campus, specifically the need for modification of the numbers of contact hours for courses in certain disciplines and the number of credits overall, and

Whereas, faculty at several campuses have declined to act to approve courses proposed by their own colleagues because of these curricular problems, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees Resolution of June 2011 which established Pathways calls for "all of these pathways policies and processes, including the Common Core, be reviewed and evaluated each year for three years beginning in 2013, and every three years thereafter, to modify them as necessary to improve them or to meet changing needs,"

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the University Faculty Senate calls upon the Chancellery to begin the required review in January 2013 and conduct this review in consultation with the University Faculty Senate, and

Be it further Resolved, that the University Faculty Senate calls for a moratorium by the Chancellery on all further implementation of Pathways until this initial and collaborative review is concluded.

Proponent: Executive Committee, unanimously adopted