

Policy Justification for Faculty Senate

Purpose of the Revision: APSU currently has three separate policies related to Articulation Agreements. The initial scope of this revision was to merge the three policies into one overarching policy covering all aspects of Articulation Agreements. The revised Policy 2:029 Articulation Agreements has absorbed the language from Policy 2:028 Articulation Among Community Colleges and APSU. Furthermore, this revision comes with the proposal to eliminate Policy 2:021 Articulation with Proprietary College, for the content of that policy is covered in the revised version of Policy 2:029 and within the Academic Bulletins (APSU articulates with proprietary colleges on a case-by-case basis, which is the essence of Policy 2:021). The revised version of Policy 2:029, now simply titled Articulation Agreements, streamlines any inquiries into how APSU articulates with any outside institution of higher learning. The new language also correctly directs readers to appropriate related policies, such as 2:015 (also undergoing revision to be merged with 2:023 and titled Prior Learning Credit) and 2:065 Academic Approval and Signatory Authority for Academic Agreements.

Timeline (Please identify if you are attempting to make a Board meeting agenda or if the item needs to be placed in the academic bulletin): This policy revision will need to go before the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Brief Explanation of how the revisions were prepared/determined (include all involved parties): Policy 2:029 Articulation Agreements is a merger of the existing policy (2:029 Components of Articulation Agreements) and policy 2:028 Articulation Among Community Colleges and APSU. Language regarding TCATs has been removed, for APSU does not articulate with TCATs. Language related to SACSCOC Standards, Policies, and Guidelines has been updated to reflect changes in SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation and other relevant documents. All revisions were made in consultation with Dr. Nancy KingSanders, Vice Provost for Student Achievement; Towanja Williams, Transfer Coordinator; and Dr. Lynne Crosby, Senior Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.