

AGENDA ITEM: C.2.a.5.

AGENDA TOPIC: Resolution to Expand College Credit Plus Dual Enrollment Partnerships into the State of Pennsylvania

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BACKGROUND: In 2006, Youngstown State University began to intentionally pursue partnerships with regional school districts for the purpose of offering dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities to high school students. Students who earn college credit in high school are more likely to attend and complete college. Furthermore, credits earned in high school may reduce the time it takes to earn a degree and reduce student debt. Overall, 94% of Youngstown State University's dual enrollment students matriculate to college directly upon graduating high school, and 31% of students in the program matriculate to Youngstown State University.

The program, now called College Credit Plus, has grown from 56 students to nearly 1,000 this academic year. Several high schools in western Pennsylvania have expressed interest in the program. Youngstown State University offers the Western Pennsylvania Advantage Program, which allows Pennsylvania residents to pay in-state tuition, making Youngstown State University a financially viable option for them. Increasing the number of college graduates in the region is a proven economic development strategy.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: Dual enrollment increases educational attainment and is part of a wider regional economic development strategy. College Credit Plus is a valuable recruitment tool to attract academically qualified students to Youngstown State University. Expansion of the service into Pennsylvania will attract additional enrollment. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires out-of-state entities to apply and receive permission to deliver courses in Pennsylvania, and the application must include documentation of the Board of Trustees' approval.

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPAND COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS INTO THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the College Credit Plus program is housed within the Metro Credit Education Outreach Office and reports to the Office of the Provost; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University wishes to increase the numbers of students able to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities; and

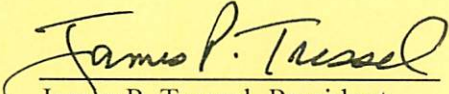
WHEREAS, it is the mission of Youngstown State University to attract the best and brightest students; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the College Credit Plus program is recommended by the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and has the approval of the President; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the College Credit Plus program into Pennsylvania will fulfill the mission of the university and help advance the strategic plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the expansion of College Credit Plus programming into the state of Pennsylvania, as recommended by the President and the Interim Provost of Youngstown State University.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:


James P. Tressel, President

**Board of Trustees Meeting
June 17, 2015
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Youngstown State University College Credit Plus Program Overview

Brief history

- Students who earn college credit in high school are statistically more likely to matriculate to college directly after high school graduation, and are more likely to complete their degree. Dual enrollment credit may shorten the time it takes to earn a degree, and reduce student debt
- After many years of programs like Advanced Placement and SB140, a high school based option for dual-enrollment emerged which removed the barriers of high-stakes testing and transportation. Now, students can earn college and high school credit simultaneously in their high school
- Nationwide, high schools embrace this option for its accessibility, cost effectiveness, and enhancement of the school's academic landscape
- Other ways to earn credit, such as online and coming to campus remain

Student benefits

- Students save a substantial amount of money because of the reduced tuition, possibly reducing the cost of their college degree and student debt
- Students get a head start on earning college credit that can be transferred to any University System of Ohio school, as well as many out-of-state and private institutions*
- Students acclimate to the rigorous demands of college work in the security of their own high school, supported and taught by familiar teachers and surrounded by their classmates
- Students have access to all academic support services at YSU, including the Writing Center, Mathematics Assistance Center and Maag Library. Their campus ID provides remote access to the library so they do not need to travel to campus
- A YSU program coordinator helps with applications, and orients students to the program and college in general. Students may contact the coordinator any time

District benefits

- Youngstown State University certifies qualified high school teachers as part-time faculty (CCP instructors) and provides support enabling them to teach a college course from the high school, essentially creating an off-campus classroom
- The CCP instructors receive professional development at no cost to the district, have access to their respective departments at Youngstown State University, and receive course materials including syllabi, assessments and more
- The district keeps students on its home campus, rather than having the best and brightest leave for half the school day or more

CCP instructor qualifications

- The chair and faculty of the respective YSU academic departments evaluate CCP instructor applications against the same standards used for on-campus faculty
- Minimum qualifications are a discipline-specific master's degree for general education courses, or a master's degree plus (or progress towards) 18 graduate credit hours in content
- The Provost approves exceptions
- CCP instructor graduate scholarships are available

Tuition

- \$40 per credit hour for classes taught by high school-based faculty on the high school campus or online, plus books
- \$80 per credit hour for online classes taught by YSU faculty, plus books
- \$160 per credit hour for classes on the YSU campus, plus books

Who pays tuition?

- YSU bills the school district, and the district pays YSU
- The school district has the option of collecting tuition from students
- When districts pay tuition, they may adopt a policy requiring the student to reimburse the district for late withdrawal or failed classes
- When districts require the student to pay tuition, economically disadvantaged students should not be required to pay

Student qualifications

- Admission to YSU requires
 - 17 composite ACT or 820 composite SAT reading and math
 - 2.0 overall, un-weighted GPA
- CCP application and evaluation for course placement also includes
 - Demonstrated college readiness

Readiness area	ACT	SAT
English sub score	18	Writing 430
		Critical Reasoning 450
Reading sub score	21	450
Mathematics sub score	22	520

- Additional course-specific pre-requisites or placement testing requirements

CCP Program Contact information

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**Youngstown State University cannot guarantee the transfer of any College Credit Plus credits taken through Youngstown State University that are to be transferred to an institution of higher learning in Pennsylvania. Although there are many transfer equates in place with two-year, four-year and private institutions in Pennsylvania, those equivalencies and their transferability are subject to change based upon policies of the Pennsylvania college or university. Youngstown State University strongly advises a student to meet with an advisor at the targeted Pennsylvania institution to identify course equivalencies, major requirements of the intended major, and transfer credit policies in regard to college courses taken in high school.*



Application Material Required* for Youngstown State University CCP Partnerships

An electronic version of the application will be emailed to you. Please return the application, instructor credentials, and documentation of facilities by June 1st, 2015 for programs starting Fall 2016.

I. Contact Information

- Name and complete address of the high school location where classes will be delivered
- Superintendent's name
- Principal's name
- HS/district coordinator's name (Point of contact for CCP students and YSU)

II. Advisory Committee

The state of Pennsylvania requires an Advisory Committee comprised of non-YSU employees to approve YSU's curriculum and institutional policies. Are there one or two people from your building willing to serve on the Advisory Committee? If yes, please provide:

- Name
- Home Address
- Employer
- Currently employed by YSU? Y/N (includes part-time faculty)

Would your school's representative(s) be able to attend advisory committee meetings at the Lawrence County Career and Technical Center, 750 Phelps Way, New Castle, PA 16101? Y/N

If "no", can you provide an alternate location for Advisory Committee meetings?

III. Academic Offerings and Qualifications

- List the courses you are interested in hosting.
- List the high school faculty that will teach these courses in Pennsylvania. Include:
 - Name
 - Field
 - Assigned course
 - Highest degree
 - Professional experience
 - Salary range
 - Full/part time
 - Other commitments

For each faculty member, please submit vitae or resume, the YSU part-time instructor application, the CCP instructor packet, and original transcripts.

IV. Facilities

- Campus map
- Floor plan for any building in which YSU classes will be delivered
- Certificate of occupancy for any building in which YSU classes will be delivered.

*This documentation is required for YSU to obtain approval from by the PA Department of Education to offer classes in PA.



YSU Course	Name	S.H.	Notes
ASTR 1504	Descriptive Astronomy	3	
ASTR 1504L	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1	Lab is optional
BIOL 2601/L	General Biology I w/Lab	4	
BIOL 2601/L	General Biology II w/Lab	4	
CHEM 1515/L	General Chemistry I w/Lab	4	
CHEM 1516/L	General Chemistry II w/Lab	4	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3	
DNCE 1565	Topics in Dance	1	Pilot
DNCE 1573	Ballet 2	2	Pilot
DNCE 2698	Survey of Dance	3	Pilot
ENGL 1550	Writing I	3	
ENGL 2618	American Literature & Diversity	3	
FRNC 2606	Intermediate French	3	4 th year French
GEOG 1505/L	Physical Geology with Lab	4	Pilot
HAHS 1510	Investigations into Social Class	3	
HIST 1500	Discovering World History	3	
ITAL 2605	Advanced Intermediate Italian	4	4 th year Italian
MATH 1510	College Algebra	4	Pilot
MATH 1511	Trigonometry	3	Pilot
MATH 1571	Calculus I	4	
MATH 1572	Calculus II	4	
PHYS 1501	Fundamentals of Physics I	4	
PHYS 1501L	Fundamentals of Physics I Lab	1	Lab is optional
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3	Online
SPAN 2605	Advanced Intermediate Spanish	3	4 th year Spanish
STATS 2601	Introductory Statistics	3	
STEM 1530	Science of Design	3	