

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

Handbook Revision, Community College Graduation Requirements – Catalog Choice

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

During the December 2013 meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, representatives from institutions presented respective strategies for recruiting, retaining and graduating adult learners and/or former students. Through that discussion, the Committee directed staff to work with the campuses on any policy revisions that would support the institutions in their efforts to graduate adult learners.

Board policy sets forth the requirements for graduation from an NSHE community college, including the catalog under which a student may choose to graduate (Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 25). Under this policy, a student may select the catalog year governing requirements for graduation under the following circumstances:

- a. The year in which the student enrolled; or
- b. The year the student officially selects a program of study; or
- c. The year in which the student will complete the curriculum requirements for an associate degree or certificate of achievement.

In addition, if a degree is offered for the first time after a student enrolls, the student may choose the catalog year in which the degree or major was first offered. However, the selected catalog may not be more

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Retain the existing policy.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

% Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____

