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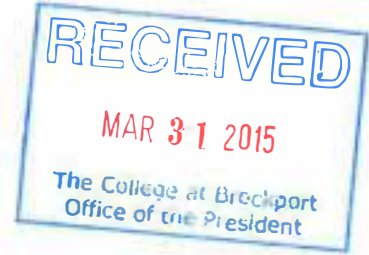


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Resolution #05 2014-2015
College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____



TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: **02/16/2015**

RE: **→** I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)
II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)
III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)

SUBJ: **Program of study for financial aid resolution** (#18_14-15SP)

Signed:  Date: 3/30/15
(P. Gibson Ralph, 2014-15 College Senate President)

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TO: P. Ralph Gibson, College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE: **→** I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)

a. Accepted - **Implementation Effective Date****: Fall 2015
****Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.** YES X NO

b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___

c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI

a. Received and acknowledged ___/___/___

Signed:  Date: 4/6/15
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, The College at Brockport)

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RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28**

Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2014-2015</i>	#18_14-15SP <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Prepare ONE complete document in **Word format**: include this proposal cover page, proposal, attachments and support letters from your department chair and dean if applicable.
- **Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our "Approved Resolutions" page on our Web site.**
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to dlamphro@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost's Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE: Please be somewhat descriptive, *i.e.*, Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.

Defining Brockport's student academic "program of study" in a way that will comply with current Federal Financial Aid regulations.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The College needs to define Academic Program as a course of study that can include multiple majors, minors, certifications in order to be in compliance when aid is awarded to a student who has met minimum requirements for the degree but the degree has not yet been awarded.

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? NO YES **EXPLAIN**
YES

4. DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.

N/A

5. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:

7. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
11/24/14	01/26/15		

8. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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9. COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	11/24/14
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	01/26/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	02/02/15, 02/16/15
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	04/06/15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES: Res #05

Background:

Due to recent interpretations of Federal financial aid regulations that could adversely affect our students and potentially make the College liable for erroneously awarding aid, we need to re-define a student’s program of study as the declared academic plan of study that a student has filed with the College.

The Federal Student Aid Handbook (2013-2014, pg. 13) defines a “Completed program, no degree” as “A student who completes the academic requirements for a program but does not yet have the degree or certificate is not eligible for further additional FSA funds for that program. Under Financial Aid guidelines, auditors review courses that are required for the degree students are seeking. If the course(s) does not apply to the minimum requirements of the degree, the course would be excluded for financial aid eligibility.” This could negatively impact students seeking teacher certification who have completed the academic major but not certification requirements. This is particularly relevant as Brockport does not have an Education major.

The College needs to define ‘**Academic Program**’ as a course of study that can include multiple majors, minors, certifications etc. in order to be in compliance when aid is awarded to a student who has met minimum requirements for the degree but the degree has not yet been awarded.

See below:

Current Online Catalog	Proposed
"The baccalaureate is an academic degree awarded by the College to students who successfully complete undergraduate requirements in a planned, approved program that typically requires four years of full-time study. The College offers four such baccalaureate degree programs: Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Each requires the successful completion of an academic major, the General Education program and certain other academic requirements. "	"The baccalaureate is an academic degree awarded by the College to students who successfully complete undergraduate requirements in a planned, approved program of study that typically requires four years of full-time study. The College offers four such baccalaureate degree programs: Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). A “program of study” is defined as the declared academic plan of study that a student has filed with the College, which can include but is not restricted to minors, teacher certification, second majors, and/or concurrent baccalaureate degrees when majors are not included within the degree type. (e.g., The BSN degree awards only the Nursing major. To complete a second major, a BSN student must also be registered for the BS/BA degree.)”

References:

Federal Student Aid Handbook (2013-2014).

<http://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1314Vol1Master.pdf>, pg. 13.

Federal Student Aid Handbook (2014-2015). <http://ifap.ed.gov/fsahandbook/attachments/1415FSABkVol2Master.pdf>, pg. 22