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Resolution # 04 2011-2012
College Senate

TO:       Dr. John R. Halstead, College President
FROM:    The College Senate:  February 27, 2012
RE:            I.   Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
               II.   Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
               III.  Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ:     “Department of Chemistry” proposes a name change to
          “Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry” (#18_11-12UC)

Signed:__________________________________________  Date: ____/____/____
(John P. Daly 2011-2012, College Senate President)

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TO:             John P. Daly, 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:  Immediately
               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 ____/____/____
               b.  Comment:

Signed:_____________________________________________________ Date: ___________________
(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.

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use committee guidelines and General Education forms 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.
- Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our “Approved Resolutions” page on our Web site.
- Do not submit your proposal as a .pdf file unless using Gen Ed forms. They are difficult to merge.
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals go to dlamphron@brockport.edu first.)
- All revisions must be resubmitted to senate@brockport.edu with the original cover page including routing number.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE: Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.
   “Department of Chemistry” proposes a name change to “Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry”

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
   Proposal to change the name of the “Department of Chemistry” to “Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry”

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? _X_ 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 EFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS: N/A

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:
   Immediately upon approval by Senate and SUNY

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

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8. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)
   Name: Stephen Godleski
   Department: CHM
   Phone: 395-5595
   Email: sgodlesk@brockport.edu

9. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)

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NOTES:
Proposal

The Department of Chemistry is in the process of implementing a name change to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The Department voted unanimously in favor of this change based on the following considerations:

1) The Department now offers majors in both Chemistry and Biochemistry. This name change will help to publicize and make more visible the new Biochemistry major (approved 2009)

2) This name change will enable prospective students to be better aware of which Department to contact regarding questions about the Biochemistry major

3) This is not a unique or unusual designation as many Departments that offer both majors have adopted the name "Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry"

No changes are to be made to the curriculum of any degree program. Course designations will continue to be CHM xxx.

Supporting letters from the Chairs of the Department of Chemistry, Department of Biology and the Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics are included.
To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate
From: Stephen Godleski, Chair, Department of Chemistry

I support the proposal from the Department Of Chemistry to change its name to The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. This name change will allow both prospective and current students to be more aware of the existence of the new Biochemistry major as well as where to seek information about this major. The suggestion of Professor Sia that a “list of Biology and Chemistry faculty who could support research in the area of biochemistry” be added to the Chemistry Department’s website is a good one and will be done.
Hi Steve,

I have spoken with the Biology faculty concerning the Dept. of Chemistry’s proposal to change their name to the Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The faculty support the proposal for the name change. This name change would direct prospective Biochemistry majors to the correct department for information. With an eye towards the website describing the Biochemistry major, Biology faculty suggest that a list of Biology and Chemistry faculty who could support research in the area of biochemistry be listed.

Sincerely,

Rey A. Sia
Jose Maliekal  
Interim Dean  
School of Science and Mathematics

Re: Request by the Department of Chemistry to change its name to Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

I am writing to add my support to the request by the Department of Chemistry to change its name to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Sincerely,

Jose Maliekal, PhD  
Interim Dean, School of Science & Mathematics