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Resolution # 04 2011-2012 College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____

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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**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
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.

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| Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2011-2012</i> | #18_11-12UC <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i> |
| This Proposal Replaces Resolution | |

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.

| <i>First Submission</i> | <i>Updated on</i> | <i>Updated on</i> | <i>Updated on</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2/7/12 | | | |

8. **SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)**

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Department</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>Email</i> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Stephen Godleski | CHM | 395-5595 | sgodlesk@brockport.edu |

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

| Standing Committee | Forwarded To | Dates Forwarded |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee | Standing Committee | 2/7/12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies | Executive Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies | Passed GED's to Vice Provost | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies | Senate | 2/27/12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies | College President | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies | OTHER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies | REJECTED -WITHDRAWN | |

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.

Support Letters



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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

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Rey Antonio L. Sia, Ph.D.
Department Chair
Associate Professor
Dept. of Biology
rsia@brockport.edu

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jose Maliekal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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