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Name Change from the Department of Theatre to the Department of Theatre and Music Studies

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Resolution # 14 2011-2012 College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *4/16/12*

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


SUBJ: *Name Change Dept of Theatre* (routing #28_11-12EC)

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: Fall 2012
 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:

Resolution forwarded to Albany by President's Office for final approval. YES NO

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.

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2011-2012</i>	#28_11-12EC <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*.

Name Change from the Department of Theatre to the Department of Theatre and Music Studies

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

During the departments Periodic Program Review, external reviewers recommended changing the name of the department to reflect the large and growing program in music as a way of acknowledging the program as well as increasing its visibility. The department having included this suggestion as a part of its Joint Action Plan, has researched possible titles and elected to change the name of the department to Department of Theatre and Music Studies.

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:**

Fall 2012

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>
3/2/12			

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<i>P. Gibson Ralph</i>	<i>Theatre</i>	<i>5265</i>	<i>pralph@brockport.edu</i>

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

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	3/2/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	4/9/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Passed GED's to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Senate	4/16/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	4/18/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

Proposal

To change the name of the department
Music Studies.



Department of Theatre and

The Department of Theatre offers courses
recommended and the department courses
more visible.

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Music Studies (MUS). It has been
recommended that a program in music should be made

The Department has voted unanimously in favor of changing the name to the Department of Theatre and Music Studies.

The decision was based on the following:

- 1) Increase number of course offerings and students served. In Fall 2003, 327 students were enrolled in 10 music (MUS) courses. In Fall 2011, 530 students were enrolled in 24 music (MUS) courses, essentially doubling the contribution to the music emphasis area of Arts for Children, general education program, and a revised and robust music minor.
- 2) Music ensembles, not offered until 2008, now perform on and off campus bringing recognition to the college, schools and program.
- 3) This name change will increase the visibility of the program
- 4) Course offerings are primarily in the area of music studies. Post-secondary programs offering a major in music frequently distinguish course offerings as music performance or music studies. The name "Music Studies" is often used to identify a course of study that is a minor.
- 5) External reviewers for the department's 2010-11 Periodic Program Review, recommended "The name of the department should be changed to recognize its dual-disciplinary nature, and to honor the enthusiastic and collegial participation of its music faculty and students"
- 6) The Department has placed in the Joint Action Plan under improvements that can be made with no additional resources "Include music in the name of the department – AY 2011 – 2012"
- 7) No course designations will require change.
- 8) No additional resources are required.



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To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate
From: Chair, Department of Theatre

I strongly support the proposal from the Department Of Theatre to change its name to The Department of Theatre and Music Studies. This name change will provide, for current and prospective students a greater visibility to the music program and music course offering.

This name changed was researched thoroughly by both theatre and music faculty and found to be one that best reflects the offerings in music by the department.

Sincerely,

P. Gibson Ralph
Chair



The College at
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School of The Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

TO: University Senate

FROM: Darwin Prolean, Dean
School of The Arts, HU

DATE: February 29, 2012

RE: Letter of Support – Department Change

The request for a department name change from Department of Theatre to Department of Theatre and Music Studies has my support. This change will provide a greater visibility to the music program and courses for our students.

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