Proposal to Remove Inactive Status from Leave of Absence Policy

The College at Brockport, College Senate
TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: 4/08/2013

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

SUBJ: \textbf{Remove Inactive from online form} (#47_12-13SP)

Signed: \textit{[Signature]} Date: \textit{4/9/13}
\textit{(Mark Chadsey, 2012-13 College Senate President)}

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TO: Mark Chadsey, 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**: Upon approval
   **Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.
   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: \textit{[Signature]} Date: \textit{4/16/13}
\textit{(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 available at [brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html](http://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 diamphron@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, ie. *Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.*

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2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

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

   EXPLAIN YES

   None

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

   None

5. **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

   No differently than direct entry students

6. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

   Upon approval

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

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**NOTES:**
Proposal to Remove Option for Inactive Status from the Notice of Intent to Withdraw on Leave of Absence/Inactive Status

Background:

Matriculated and non-matriculated undergraduate students voluntarily leave the College using one of two avenues. Those who may want to return request a Leave of Absence, which allows them to be away for up to three consecutive semesters. Students who do not wish to return can request Inactive status.

Inactive status is automatically given to students who have not earned any credits for a period of three consecutive semesters, and are not enrolled after the add period of a fourth semester. Inactive Status requires the student to be readmitted if they wish to return, and requires that they meet whatever graduation requirements are in place at the time of readmission. The current Notice of Intent to Withdraw on Leave of Absence/Inactive Status offers both Leave of Absence and Inactive Status.

Proposal:
Undergraduate students who leave the College voluntarily and are eligible for a Leave of Absence will be placed on Leave of Absence for a period of three semesters. Inactive Status would not be offered as an option.

Rationales:
1. Students completing Leave of Absence form have become confused over the options and inadvertently or hastily select Inactive Status, a choice that forces unnecessary and cumbersome readmission if the decision was made in error. Readmission also changes the catalog term.
2. Widening the pool of students on Leave of Absence increases opportunities for re-recruitment of these students.