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1979-1980

Transfer Policy

TO: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN

FROM: THE FACULTY SENATE

Meeting on 11/19/79

(Date)

RE: XX I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Transfer Policy

(See attached)

Signed R. G. Kemmerling Date Sent 11/27/79
(For the Senate)

R. G. Kemmerling, President, Faculty Senate.

TO: THE FACULTY SENATE

FROM: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN

RE: I. DECISION AND ACTION TAKEN ON FORMAL RESOLUTION

- a. Accepted. Effective Date 12/13/79
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on _____
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II., III. a. Received and acknowledged

b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents: Dr. Douglas, Ms. D'Agostino
Others as identified: Dr. Smith, Mr. Smith, Dr. James

Distribution Date: _____

Signed Albert W. Brown
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: 12/17/79

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Brockport, New York

Faculty Senate
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Resolution #11, 1979-80
Faculty Senate Mtg.: 11/19/79

TRANSFER POLICY
(General Education Committee)

I. Total Transfer Credit

A. From two-year colleges:

1. Students holding an Associates degree may transfer up to 64 credits. Such students will automatically be granted at least 60 hours credit and Junior status.
2. Students without an Associates degree may transfer up to 60 hours credit and be granted Junior status.

B. From four-year colleges:

1. A total of 96 semester hours may be accepted for transfer from any regionally accredited four-year college or university.

II. General Education Requirements for Transfer Students

The college at Brockport recognizes four kinds of transfer students based on the total number of credits transferred, the number of liberal arts credits transferred and the possession or absence of an Associates degree.

A. Requirements for persons with the AA, AS/Liberal Arts track or any other Associate degree with at least 40 credits in the Liberal Arts:

1. Such students will be regarded as having fulfilled the Cognitive Skills and Breadth Component requirements of the college.
2. Such students will be required to take one contemporary issues course at Brockport.

B. Requirements for persons with the AS/Career Track or AAS degree and less than 40 credits in the Liberal Arts:

1. Such students will be regarded as having fulfilled the Cognitive Skills requirement of the College.
2. Such students will be required to have at least one course in each Breadth Component category: Arts, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences. Transfer credit may be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Such students will be required to take one Contemporary Issues course at Brockport.

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C. Requirements for persons without an Associates degree and transferring more than 24 total credits:

1. Two courses in Communication Skills.
2. One course in Quantitative Skills. For transfer purposes, course work at the level of intermediate algebra or above or any college level statistics course will serve to meet this requirement.
3. Breadth Component requirements:
 - Two courses in the Fine Arts Area
 - Two courses in the Natural Science and Mathematics area
 - Two courses in the Humanities area
 - Two courses in the Social Science area
4. One course in Contemporary Issues taken at Brockport.

Transfer credit may be used to fulfill numbers 1, 2, and 3 above.

D. Requirements for persons without an Associates degree and transferring a total of 24 credits or less:

Such students will be required to meet Brockport's regular General Education requirements including Dimensions of Liberal Education, Communication and Quantitative Skills, the Breadth Component including its Laboratory, Studio and Comparative Perspectives requirements and Contemporary Issues. Transfer credit may be applied to all of these requirements except DLE and Contemporary Issues.

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS

1. This is a transfer policy designed to meet the following goals:
 - to be congruent with the college's new GE program.
 - to maintain the integrity of the Brockport degree.
 - to permit the college to remain competitive in the "market" for transfers.
 - to recognize the diversity of pre-Brockport experiences our students have had.
 - to be clearly and simply stated and administered without unnecessary complication.
2. You will note that a DLE experience is required only of transfers with less than one year of college level work. The others have already had substantial experience with college life, while requiring DLE for all transfers would pose very serious staffing difficulties.
3. You will observe that this policy regards all Associate degree holders as having fulfilled the Cognitive Skills component by virtue of having the Associate's degree. Our reasoning on this point is as follows: (a) there is no reason to believe that two year schools do a poorer job of basic skills development than we do or at least we should not make that assumption until it is demonstrated to be the case. (b) We are going to have staffing problems with the freshman Cognitive Skills requirement and our priorities should be placed there. (c) There exist or can be developed other means to improve the Cognitive Skills of transfer students.
4. This policy also waives all Associate degree holders with 40 or more Liberal Arts credits from Brockport's Breadth requirement. We make this recommendation in recognition of the fact that GE programs differ widely in their structure and philosophy and in the belief that Brockport cannot and should not impose its particular variation on students who have begun their higher education elsewhere. Furthermore, such students generally have a reasonable distribution of courses.
5. Many AAS degree holders will have a very minimal exposure to the liberal arts. It seems appropriate to require a one course per area distribution for such students.
6. Students in Category C will be required to complete Brockport's regular GE program with the exception of DLE and the Lab, Studio and Comparative Perspectives requirements of our Breadth Component. This seemed appropriate for students who have completed no coherent program elsewhere but who come to us with substantial previous work.
7. Students in Category D will be bound by the same requirements as Brockport freshmen.

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8. This policy raises to 64 the total possible number of credits which may be transferred from a two year institution. This slight increase (1 course) will assist those transfers whose community college programs exceed 60 hours and who may otherwise have difficulty in completing their undergraduate experience in 4 years.
9. In general this policy provides an incentive for students to complete their Associate degree and signals the two-year colleges that we respect the integrity and worth of their programs. Students without the kind of structure that is part of a degree program will be asked to meet Brockport's requirements. All transfers, of course, are bound by the general degree requirements including 48 hours at the upper division level and the number of liberal arts credit appropriate to their degree.