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Multidisciplinary Minor
in Gerontology

TO: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN

FROM: THE FACULTY SENATE

Meeting on 3/23/81
(Date)

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

SUBJECT: Multidisciplinary Minor in Gerontology
(See Attached)



Signed: Lynn H. Parsons Date Sent 3/24/81
(For the Senate)
Lynn H. Parsons, 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 4-8-81
- 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: Bouley Approved in principle. Hold for resources to implement.

Others as identified:

Distribution Date: 4/10/81

Signed: Albert Brown
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: _____



State University of New York
COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT
 Brockport, New York 14420

Department of Sociology 716-395-2619

February 23, 1981

TO: Dr. Ken O'Brien, Chair, Faculty Senate Undergraduate Policies Committee
 FROM: James D. Jones, Chair, Sociology *James D. Jones*
 RE: Gerontology Minor

Attached is the revised proposal for a minor in Gerontology. The issues raised by the Committee have been addressed in the proposal. A list of agencies willing to have students complete their field experience and course descriptions are attached to the proposal.

The Chairpersons of all the Departments offering courses required for the minor have affirmed their continued commitment verbally. They have also indicated when these courses would be offered. Specifically, Social Gerontology, Psychology of Aging and Sociology of Aging will all be offered in the fall of 1981 and Biology of Aging will be offered in the Spring of 1982.

The Departments offering electives for the minor have been asked to respond to me verbally if their original commitment has changed. To date no changes have been received.

When speaking to the Committee in December I had indicated that SMO 376 Social Gerontology should be a prerequisite for the other required courses. However, after further consultation with others teaching courses in this proposed minor I have not been able to justify such a requirement academically and it would be extremely difficult to monitor. Therefore, SMO 376 is not a prerequisite for the remaining required courses. But prerequisites for any of the courses specified by participating Departments will be in effect.

In conclusion, I think the revisions suggested by the Committee were valid. Further, the request to revise and re-submit the proposal gave me the opportunity to firm up the relationships among participating Departments. If you have any further questions I will be glad to help.

JDJ:gc
 Attachments

xc:Walter Boston
 Susan Reed



PROPOSAL FOR A MULTIDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN GERONTOLOGY

I. Rationale

America has suddenly become aware of the presence of over 22 million persons over 65 years of age in the general population. A recent White House Conference on Aging served to focus national attention on this social phenomenon and gave great impetus to the involvement of state and federal governments in the problems of the older citizens. Higher education has responded by initiating institutional research and with teaching aimed at: 1) helping to solve some of the problems related to aging and 2) to provide trained personnel to work with older citizens. By the year 2000, 15% of the population will be over 65; in the City of Rochester 20% of the population is over 65 at this time.

To respond to this large segment of the population and the concomitant enlarged service personnel, the State University College at Brockport proposes to develop a multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology. This minor, multidisciplinary in design, will provide an opportunity for study in many academic departments of the college in order to provide the skills and the information necessary to live and work in a society coming of age. Both the older person who wishes to understand and improve herself/himself and the undergraduate who is expecting to work with older persons as a chosen career have a need for academic knowledge in Gerontology. This minor that will supplement formal training in other academic fields will enable the students to develop an expertise that will increase their employability. Your attention is directed to inventory of related occupations* as identified by persons enrolled in classes during July 1979 at the All-University Gerontology Center at Syracuse University.

Contacts made to the Regional and County Office of the Aging indicate a high level of professional interest in and an affirmation of the need for gerontological education at the college level.

*The following professions were represented at the All-University Gerontology Summer credit and non-credit summer program at Syracuse University, June 1979:

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| Director of Counseling | Director of Geriatric Services |
| Senior Community Field Worker | Social Worker |
| Senior Research Coordinator | Assistant Professor of Anthropology |
| Senior Center Coordinator | Program Coordinator |
| Regional Director of Office of Aging | Community Center Supervisor |
| Director of Senior Services | Senior Community Research Coordinator |
| Director of Human Resources | Manual Arts Therapists |
| Senior Center Director | Case Worker |
| Social Work Assistant | Group Workers (Seniors) |
| Assistant Director of Nursing | Registered Nurse |
| Head Nurse | Social Services for Lareto Geriatric Center |
| College Students | |
| Staff Nurse | Public Health Nurse |
| Geriatric Specialists | Community Mental Health Worker |
| Coordinator of Resident Care | Senior Center Coordinator |

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Rehabilitation Counselor
Senior Center Director
Executive Director of Senior Housing
Social Worker for the Aging
Professor of Philosophy

Other Professional people who have requested education in Gerontology are:

Speech pathologists
Audiologists
Psychologists
Theologians
Recreation directors

II. Structure of Program

The structure of this minor is based on data gathered from educational institutions where a multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology is in place and from evaluations of existing and proposed courses at Brockport.

<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
SWO 376 Social Gerontology	3
BIO 317 Biology of Aging	3
PSH 436 Psychology of Aging	3
SOC 465 Sociology of Aging	3
Field Experience* (This will be served through existing facilities now used by Health Science and Recreation and Leisure Depts.)	3
Elective from list below	3
	<u>18</u>

Electives

HLS 311 Nutrition	3
EDC 301 Intro to Counseling	3
SPH --- Communication Problems of the Elderly	3
REL 406 Leisure and Aging	3
PHL 332 Death and Dying	3
AAS 314 Black Family	3
PHE --- Physical Activity & the Aging Process	3
HST 366 Exploration in the History of Death	3

*This field experience could be waived if the student has completed field experience required for another major, provided it is appropriately related to the field of gerontology.

III. Administration of Program

This minor will be administered through the Chair of the Department of Sociology, reporting to the Deans of Social Professions and Social Behavioral Sciences. The Chair of Sociology, in consultation with the appropriate unit-heads, will appoint a Coordinating Committee to oversee the Program and appoint an advisor for the Program. The Committee will be composed of representatives of various departments participating in the Program.

The Coordinator of Field Services in the Department of Health Science and Recreation and Leisure will be responsible for supervision of the field experience, including site selection and field supervision.

IV. Projected Implementation of Plan

The multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology should be accepted as part of the curriculum and in place by September 1981.

V. Funding

It is recommended that the development of a major in Gerontology be started at this time. A request has been made to the Director of Sponsored Research and Contract Administration asking that a search be made for sources for funding for an eventual major in Gerontology.

GERONTOLOGY MINOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SMD 376 Social Gerontology

The older person is an evolving person; bio-psycho-social elements of the aging process; major issues relating to the aging process; the older person, and the society in which they live; compare the needs of the older person with the service system's program; methods of intervention specifically needed for the older person. 3 semester hours

BIO 317 Biology of Aging

An introduction to the study of aging in the human and in a number of other animals at the molecular, cell, tissue and organ level, in order to understand what is meant by aging and how it is measured. The study will include the effects of genetic composition, sex differences, and other factors. 3 semester hours

PSH 436 Psychology of Aging

Applications of scientific methods and research in personality and social processes after age 65; age related physiological and behavioral changes; stress and adjustment demands of old age; death and dying. 3 semester hours

SOC 465 Sociology of Aging

Conceptualizations about aging; forces that shape the character of aging in combination with physical and psychological events. 3 semester hours

HLS 311 Nutrition

Nutritional concepts as related to nutrients, diet control, and specific nutritional problems and consumerism; basic nutritional concepts and application to personal nutritional status; analyze a current nutritional problem or issue; identify nutritional resources. 3 semester hours

EDC 301 Introduction to Counseling

The philosophical basis of counseling. Students identify and understand five counseling theories, five interpersonal skills, and demonstrate basic competence in interpersonal relations. 3 semester hours

SPH 493 Seminar in Communication Disorders

Provide rehabilitation for the communicatively handicapped by identifying and evaluating speech-language disorders; provide the management strategies for remediation of disorders. 3 semester hours

REL 406 Leisure and Aging

Various aspects of aging as they relate to leisure in contemporary society; leisure needs of mature adults, services for elderly; leisure pursuits in the sub-culture of the aging. 3 semester hours

PHL 332 Death and Dying

A critical examination of competing answers to controversial philosophical issues surrounding death and dying. Topics such as the following will be considered: defining death, the morality and rationality of suicide, euthanasia, ethical problems of pain alleviation, and the rights of the terminally ill. 3 semester hours

AAS 314 Black Family

Socio-cultural, political, and economic conditions which afflict Black family life; confront the "pejorative tradition" as the primary modality for examining Black family life; the African antecedents and continuities which have influenced the Black family in the U.S. 3 semester hours

HST 365 Exploration in the History of Death

An examination of the phenomenon of death in ancient and modern civilizations which traces the evolution of traditional death systems and of contemporary attitudes toward death. Identifies the problems and possibilities of individuals facing death and the various mechanisms of adjustment which aid survivors. 3 semester hours

LIST OF POTENTIAL SITES FOR
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE FOR
GERONTOLOGY MINORS

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NURSING HOME FACILITIES

The Aberdeen
1290 Lake Ave.
254-1533

Alaimo
1140 Norton St.
467-2100

The Baird
2150 St. Paul St.
342-5540

Barrington
380 Barrington St.
244-0960

Beechwood Sanitarium
900 Culver Rd.
288-3335

Blossom
989 Blossom Road
482-3500

Brightonian
1919 Elmwood Ave.
271-8700

The Church Home (Episc.)
505 Mt. Hope Ave.
546-8400

Cobbs Hill (Pinnacle)
1175 Monroe Ave.
442-0450

Crest Manor
6745 Pittsford-Palmyra
223-3633

Cupola
122 West Ave.
Brockport, NY
637-4129

Fairport Baptist Home
4646 Nine Mile Point Rd.
377-0350

Flower City
1556 Mt. Hope Ave
473-2444

Genesee Hospital
224 Alexander St.
263-6052

Grande'ville Home
555 Maiden Lane
62106169

Hamilton Manor
1172 Long Pond Road
225-0450

Hill Haven
1550 Empire Blvd.
671-4300

Hilton East
231 East Ave.-Hilton
392-7171

Hurlbut
1177 E. Henrietta Rd.
424-4770

Jewish Home & Infirmary
1180 St. Paul St.
266-5260

Lakeshore
425 Beach Ave.
663-0930

Latta Road
2100 Latta Rd.
225-0910

Latta Road A
2102 Latta Road
225-0920

Maplewood Manor
1020 Lake Ave.
254-9628

Maplewood Manor North
1040 Lake Ave.
254-9767

Maplewood Manor West
361 Chili Ave.
235-5447

Maplewood Nursing Home
100 Daniel Dr.
872-1800

Mariner House
95 W. Main St.
546-6000

Monroe Community Hospital
435 E. Henrietta Rd.
473-4080

Nortonian
1335 Portland Ave.
544-4000

Park Ridge
1555 Long Pond Road
225-7150

Parkside Manor
420 Main St. - E. Roch.
586-8010

Penfield
1700 Penfield Rd.
586-7433

Pillars
17 Sibley Place
271-2000

Rochester Friendly Home
3156 East Ave.
381-1600

Roch. Presbyterian Home
256 Thurston Rd.
235-9100

Roch. United Methodist Home
a. Goodman Gardens
8 N. Goodman St.
b. Wesley Manor
666 East Ave.
c. Upton Court
630 East Ave.
473-1970

St. Ann's Home (Heritage)
1500 Portland Ave.
342-1700

NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Shire at Culverton
615 Culver Road
167-4544

Wedgewood Home
5 Church St.
Spencerport, NY
352-0030

Westgate
525 Beahan Road
247-7880

West Side Manor
1404 Long Pond Road
225-7210

Woodside Manor
2425 Clinton Ave. S.
275-0370

NUTRITION CENTERS

Southeast Center
835 South Ave.
Rochester, NY

Southwest Center
540 Clarissa St.
Rochester, NY

Northeast Center
700 North Street
Rochester, NY

Northwest Center I
506 Jay Street
Rochester, NY

Northwest Center II
395 Emerson St.
Rochester, NY

Garson Meyer Center
168 S. Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY

Baden Street Center
471 Upper Falls Blvd.
Rochester, NY

Eastside Community
145 Parsells Ave.
Rochester, NY

St. Michael's Center
343 Clifford Ave.
Rochester, NY

Charlotte Center
4488 Lake Ave.
Rochester, NY

Greece Center
3000 Deway Ave.
Rochester, NY

Eastern Monroe Center
119 W. Elm St.
East Rochester, NY

Western Monroe Center
35 State Street
Brockport, NY

Wheatland Center
Wheatland-Chili H.S.
Scottsville, NY 14546

Ogden Center
200 S. Union St.
Spencerport, NY 14559

Webster Center
Ebner Drive
Webster, NY

Pinegrove Center
154 Pinegrove Ave.
Irondequoit, NY

Monroe Center (Proposed)
243 Rosedale
Rochester, NY

SENIOR CENTERS

Jewish Community Center
1200 Edgewood Ave.
Rochester, NY 14618
461-2000

Dunn Tower Senior Citizens
Dunn Tower
100 Dunn Tower Dr.
Rochester, NY 14606
458-8365

Pittsford, Town of
East Rochester, Village of

East Rochester Senior Citizens
East Rochester Senior Center
120 West Commercial St.
East Rochester, NY 14445
385-3643

Danforth Recreation Center
200 West Ave.
Rochester, NY 14611
42806746

Foster Grandparents
Lewis St. Center
57 Lewis St.
Rochester, NY 14605
546-3230

Garson Meyer Downtown Senior Center
168 South Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604
454-3224

Montgomery Center Senior Citizens
10 Cady St.
Rochester, NY 14608
436-3090

Region Council on Aging
168 S. Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604
454-3224

Westfall Senior Citizens
Parks Department Building
375 Westfall Rd.
Rochester, NY 14620
442-6350



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