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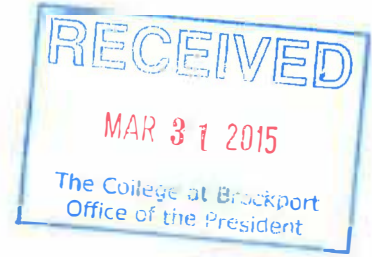


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Resolution #07 2014-2015  
**College Senate**

Supersedes Res #: \_\_\_\_\_



TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *03/02/2015*

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

SUBJ: **REL Core Revisions** (#12\_14-15UC)

Signed: *[Signature]* Date: *3/23/15*  
(P. Gibson Ralph, 2014-15 College Senate President)

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TO: P. Ralph Gibson, 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 2015  
**\*\*Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.  YES  NO**  
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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

*[Signature]* Comment:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: *4/6/15*  
(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.

<b>Routing Number</b> <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2014-2015</i>	<b>#12_14-15UC</b> <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
<b>This Proposal Replaces Resolution</b>	

**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](mailto:senate@brockport.edu). (General Education Proposals and questions go to [dlamphro@brockport.edu](mailto:dlamphro@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](mailto: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:**

Changes to required core courses of the major

3. **WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED?**  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.**

See enclosed proposal

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

More efficiently complete the program in 4 semesters

6. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Fall 2015 Fall 2015

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>
November 3, 2014	February 25, 2015		

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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9. **COMMITTEES:** (Senate office use only)

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	11/3/14, 03/2/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	02/09/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	02/16/15, 03/02/15
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	04/06/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES :Res #7

### ***Rationale***

The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies conducted a core curriculum review during the 2013-2014 academic year. This was the first review in approximately 15 years. These revisions serve multiple purposes:

1. They represent where the field is today.
2. They are reflective of our own internal assessment of learning outcomes and national accreditation standards.
3. In response to SUNY Transfer Path requests, this proposal better aligns transfer students with the completion of the REL undergraduate program in four semesters as a full time student, whereas the existing curriculum structure is five semesters.
4. As a result of recent changes by our accrediting organization (COAPRT), recreation and leisure programs now have more flexibility regarding curricula content.

### ***Overview of changes:***

- Updated language in course names
- Reduction of internship credits (REL 403) from 15 credit hours to 12 credit hours
- Removal of required course PRO 421 (1.5 credits)
- Addition of required course, REL 309, Recreation Leadership and Group Dynamics (1 credit)
- Removal of required guided electives (18 credits); which includes the department requirement of a statistics course.

### ***New Courses***

One new course will be introduced, replacing one current course.

REL 309 Recreation Leadership and Group Dynamics  
*Co-requisite: REL 302 and 308*

Study of leadership in recreation with Study of leadership in recreation with emphasis on theory, decision-making, group management, communication, and motivation with a focus on ethical and value-based leadership with diverse people and communities. Course will facilitate leadership experiences.

*1 credit. Every Semester*

### ***Staffing***

No new staffing is needed to support these changes

### ***Resources***

No new resources are needed to support these changes

## Recreation and Leisure Studies Undergraduate Program

### Current Program

### Proposed Program

Course Number	Course Title	Credits		Course Number	Course Title	Credits
REL 302	Leisure and the Individual and Society	3		REL 302	Foundations of Recreation and Leisure	3
REL 306	Recreation for Persons with Differing Abilities	3		REL 306	Issues of Diversity and Disability in Recreation	3
REL 307	Applied Studies in Recreation and Leisure Services (200 hours)	3		REL 307	Practicum	3
REL 308	Recreation Programming and Leadership	3		REL 308	Recreation Programming	3
REL 312	Management of Recreation and Leisure Services	3		REL 312	Administration of Recreation and Leisure Services	3
REL 402	Current Leisure Problems and Issues	3		REL 402	Current Trends and Issues in Recreation	3
REL 403	Practicum (562.5 hours)	15		REL 403	Internship	12
REL 410	Research and Evaluation in Recreation and Leisure Studies	3		REL 410	Research and Evaluation in Recreation and Leisure Studies	3
REL 414	Planning, Design, and Management in Recreation Facilities	3		REL 414	Planning, Design and Operations of Recreation Facilities	3
PRO 401	Professional Preparation in REL	1		PRO 401	Professional Preparation in REL	1
PRO 421	Field Experience 1	1.5		REL 309	Recreation Leadership and Group Dynamics	1
	<b>Total Core</b>	<b>41.5</b>			<b>Total Core</b>	<b>38</b>
	Concentration in RM, TM, or TR	<b>15</b>			Concentration in RM, TM, or TR	<b>15</b>
	Guided Electives (incl. Statistics)	<b>18</b>			Remove all guided electives	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total REL Program</b>	<b>74.5</b>			<b>Total REL Program</b>	<b>53</b>



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**School of Health and Human Performance**

To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
College Senate

From: Francis X. Short, Dean  
School of Health & Human Performance

Subj.: Curricular Change  
Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies

Date: October 24, 2014

Please accept this brief memo in support of a proposed change in the “core curriculum” of the undergraduate recreation and leisure studies major. As I understand the proposal, it seeks to 1) update the curriculum to match current language and topics in the field, 2) more clearly align the curriculum with national accreditation standards, and 3) meet the “seamless transfer” requirements of SUNY. This proposal changes several course titles and content within those courses, adjusts the number of credits associated with REL 403, adds a 1-credit course (in place of a 1.5 credit field experience class), and, most significantly, eliminates 18 credits of guided electives from the program. One outcome of the proposal, then, is that it replaces the current 74.5 credit program with a new 53 credit version.

As the dean, I most appreciate the department’s willingness to deal with the SUNY seamless transfer requirements. The current program does not meet those requirements, but the proposed program does and will help transfer students to complete their degrees more quickly.

Inasmuch as this proposal updates the curriculum, allows for seamless transfer, and does not require any additional resources (instructional or otherwise) to implement, I support it without reservation. Please contact me if there are any questions or if more information is necessary. Thank you for the consideration.