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Declaring Matriculation or Not Pursuing a Degree

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Faculty Senate

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on February 6, 1989
(Date)

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

SUBJECT: Students with 24 completed hours at Brockport must matriculate or indicate, in writing, that they are not pursuing a degree program at Brockport.



Signed *[Signature]* Date Sent 2/13/89
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution

a. Accepted. Effective Date *Jan 11 89*

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: *See attached list.*

Others:

Distribution Date: *2/22/89* Signed: *[Signature]*
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: _____

Student Policies Committee

Proposal I--1988/89

Undergraduates who have completed 24 hours at Brockport, receiving grades of A,B,C,D,E,I,S or U, are encouraged to matriculate prior to taking any more coursework. But some students are taking courses solely for their personal, educational or professional development, and are not working toward a degree. This proposal would permit them to complete additional credit hours without matriculating if they are in good academic standing and if they sign a statement that they are not currently working toward a degree.

RATIONALE

There are advantages for matriculated students built into the system. First and foremost, Matriculation (acceptance by the Admissions Office into a degree granting program) is what freezes degree requirements. This means that the major and degree requirements set forth in the catalog in effect when a student matriculates are the ones a student must meet for graduation, regardless of subsequent changes in requirements.

Matriculated entering Freshmen are automatically assigned to an advisor in their first semester, because the Academic Planning Seminar is a required course and the instructor of that course serves as the student's advisor until the student declares his/her major. Entering matriculated Transfer Students are allowed to declare their major immediately (if they know what they wish it to be) and are assigned an advisor from the major department who advises on both general degree and major requirements. Transfer students who are undecided about a major may request that a general advisor be assigned by the Office of Academic Advisement.

Matriculated Transfer Students automatically have a transcript evaluation completed by the Office of Academic Advisement showing which courses transferred from their prior institution(s), the number of credits which transferred, the number of Liberal Arts credits which transferred, the number of upper division credits which transferred, and most important, which degree requirements are met by transfer courses.

Finally, since Financial Aid policies now require matriculation for aid-eligibility, if matriculated students have applied for aid, are financially eligible, and have been awarded aid, they may receive it.

Because non-matriculated students do not have any of these advantages, it is difficult to provide quality service to them if their intent is to eventually pursue a degree. The student who is not pursuing a degree may choose his/her courses and advisement is not necessary. However, the student who eventually intends to pursue a degree is in need of evaluation of prior work and in need of advisement. Degree requirements met and needed are of the utmost importance to this student.

A considerable amount of institutional resources are now being expended in working with students who have not made a commitment to earning a degree at Brockport. It would make better sense to reserve the major portion of those resources for students who have made a commitment to Brockport.

Whereas: We wish to encourage students to matriculate,

Whereas: By establishing a specific time at which a student is required to matriculate, students will be better served,
and

Whereas: We wish to reserve a major portion of the institution's resources for those students who have made a commitment to Brockport, therefore, be it

Resolved: That non-matriculated undergraduate students who have completed 24 hours at Brockport, and received grades of A,B,C,D,E,I,S or U, must either matriculate or indicate in writing that they are not currently pursuing a degree program at Brockport.