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TO: President John E. Van de Wetering
FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on 2/11/91
(Date)

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

SUBJECT: Undergraduate Student Policies Committee Resolution
on Multiple Majors and Minors

Signed Thomas J. Keller Date Sent 2/12/91
(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 Feb 14 1991
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: to attached list

Distribution Date 2/13/91 Signed: [Signature]
(President of the College)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POLICIES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON MULTIPLE MAJORS AND MINORS

Be It Hereby Resolved That:

The current policy on additional academic majors be amended to provide that:

- (a) Students may complete additional majors within a single degree, provided the major departments may award the same baccalaureate degree, and
- (b) A student may receive recognition for more than one academic minor.

Clarification: provision "a" is an amendment of Policy 415.02, "Second Academic Majors and Second Baccalaureate Degrees," item #1; provision "b" is an amendment of Policy 415.03, "Academic Minors," paragraph #3.

CHAPTER 415
PROGRAM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 415.01 Academic Majors
- 415.02 Second Academic Majors and
Second Baccalaureate Degrees
- 415.03 Academic Minors
- 415.04 Contractual Liberal Arts Majors
- 415.05 Teacher Certification Programs

415.01 ACADEMIC MAJORS

The academic major is an undergraduate concentration of courses in an approved academic area consisting of 30-36 semester credit hours of specific courses and recommended electives. All students must complete an academic major in order to qualify for the Baccalaureate Degree.

Notes regarding Academic Majors: The requirements for an academic major which are in effect when a student matriculates are those which must be met for graduation. Additional requirements cannot be imposed after the student matriculates. Should a program be changed so that once-required courses are no longer available, the student completing requirements under the old program must be given permission to substitute equivalent courses or to complete such requirements through Directed Study.

All substitutions for required courses must be approved by the department chairperson and a record of the approval must be placed in the student's permanent file in the Office of Registration and Records.

No more than 54 semester hours may be taken in any one discipline for credit toward the 120 semester hours required for a degree.

A. Academic Majors

Title	HEGIS Number*
African & Afro-American Studies: BA/BS	2211
American Studies (Interdisciplinary): BA/BS	0313
Anthropology: BA/BS	2202
Art History: BA	1003
Art (Studio): BA/BS	1002
Art (Interdisciplinary): BA/BS	1001
Biological Sciences: BA/BS	0401
Business Administration: BS	0506
Chemistry: BA/BS	1905
Communication: BA/BS	1506
Communications: BA/BS	0601

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3. Students wishing to complete an additional baccalaureate degree consecutively must earn a minimum of thirty (30) hours beyond the earlier degree(s) and must fulfill all prerequisite, corequisite and major requirements for the additional degree program. At the time of application, the Admissions Office will provide an official determination of additional coursework required for the second degree. Based on that evaluation, the student and his/her faculty advisor will develop the program of study to be completed.

415.03 ACADEMIC MINORS

The minor is a concentration of academic courses in an approved program consisting of a minimum of 18 semester credit hours of specific courses or recommended electives. The academic minor is not a requirement for a degree, but may be required in programs which include teacher certification options.

Notes Regarding Second Majors and Academic Minors: Second majors and academic minors are not considered as a unit for purposes of evaluation for liberal arts credit. A course-by-course evaluation is made.

A student may receive recognition for no more than two academic minors.

Course hours counted toward the completion of a minor may not be counted toward hours for an academic major or toward the hours for a second minor. (Faculty Senate #19, 1976-77, 4/18/77; A.C.)

415.04 CONTRACTUAL LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR (CLAM)

The Contractual Liberal Arts Major (CLAM) is an option that permits the student to design an individualized academic major drawn from the total academic offerings of the College. This option is intended to accommodate the interests of students whose academic goals would not be met by an existing academic major, a double major, or a major-minor combination, nor by an existing academic major plus a carefully planned sequence of electives.

The CLAM option is open to all students in good academic standing at the College. Students who wish to exercise this option seek appropriate faculty advisement, and the program that is proposed by the student and the faculty advisers, when approved by the divisional CLAM committee and by the divisional dean, becomes a contract between the student and SUNY College at Brockport. Revision may be accomplished through the same procedure used in seeking initial approval.

The title of the CLAM, which must be distinct from that of any established major, is the title that will identify the student's major on the student's final transcript.

A. Procedures:

1. The student obtains a Declaration of Intent to Develop a CLAM form, a copy of the Guidelines and Procedures and a CLAM form. These documents are obtainable from the Office of Academic Advisement and the Dean's Office.

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Undergraduate Student Policies Committee rationale for Resolutions, 1 - Multiple Majors and Minors, 2 - Shared Hours between Majors, Minors, or Majors and Minors.

1. We currently have a policy that limits students to two majors and two minors. Some faculty and students have questioned this on the grounds that a student should be able to have as many majors and/or minors as he/she can successfully complete. If a student is to be limited, the limit should not be arbitrarily imposed but should arise from the substantive curricular requirements of each major or minor. For example, if the student takes all of the courses that X, Y, and Z departments say comprise the necessary courses for their majors [or minors] then the student should be entitled to have her/his completion of those requirements recognized.
2. A parallel issue to multiple majors and minors involves the policy on shared hours. Three years ago the Senate confirmed an administrative practice that limited the number of shared hours between majors and minors. Again, this committee feels, given existing restraints on cross-listing courses and consistent with the fact departments retain the prerogatives relative to course substitutions and waivers, this college-wide policy does not make sense. It makes better sense to have each major's [or minor's] substantive requirements determine the validity of "shared hours." For example, if Department X structures a major that among its 36 hours permits the taking of 9 hours in Department Z that should be Department X's initial responsibility to determine if it makes curricular sense [and we assume that in some departments it might]; on the other hand, if Department X chooses not to have a major that allows hours from other departments, eliminating a college limit on shared hours does not prevent the structure of the major itself from imposing that limit.

With respect to both these resolutions, the Undergraduate Student Policies Committee has considered hypothetical "disaster" scenarios: Do you think it is good to have a student graduate with ten majors? Do you think a student should be permitted to take the same six courses and receive credit for two minors? We think both of the above scenarios would raise serious questions but that the answers would lie in examining curricular decisions. We don't believe these questions [or scenarios] will in fact arise [Let's see if they do.], but if they should, our resolutions would help the college focus on where the problem really would be.

Resolution on Multiple Majors and Minors: Be it Hereby Resolved That:

The current policy on additional academic majors and academic minors be amended to provide that:

- a) Students may complete additional majors within a single degree, provided the major departments may award the same baccalaureate degree, and (see Faculty Handbook 415.02)
- b) A student may receive recognition for more than one academic minor. (see Faculty Handbook 415.03)

Resolution on Shared Hours between Majors, Minors, or Majors and Minors: Be It Hereby Resolved That:

Any college policy limiting hours required in common between majors, minors, or majors and minors be left to the specific requirements of the individual majors and minors. (see Faculty Senate Resolution #18, 1987-88)