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Resolution # 12

1995-96

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: JANUARY 22, 1996

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

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SUBJ: Proposal to Extend Time Requirement for Completion of M.P.A. Degree

Signed: Ray M. Wess Date Sent: 1/1/
(Faculty Senate President)



TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
a. Accepted. Effective Date: [Signature]
b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on 1/1/
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III.

a. Received and acknowledged
b. Comment: _____

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Distribution Date: 2/12/96 Signed: [Signature]
(President of the College)

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**State University of New York
College at Brockport
Department of Public Administration**

Proposal to Extend Time Requirement for Completion of M.P.A. Degree Fall 1995
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The Department of Public Administration requests approval to extend the time requirement required to complete the Master's in Public Administration degree from five to seven years.

Due to the increased cost of education (graduate tuition increased by 44% in 1995), our increased credit requirements from 36 to 48 credits required for national accreditation, and the fact that a majority of our students are adults in full-time positions, it is taking longer than five years to complete degree requirements for some. In addition, students are reluctant to matriculate because of this rule. The Department of Public Administration would like to request that the Faculty Senate approve our proposal to change this rule from a time frame of five to seven years for our program. If possible, we would like this new rule changed as soon as possible so that we may update our program materials and incorporate this new information.

The Graduate Council unanimously approved our program request at their November 27, 1995, meeting. At the behest of the Faculty Senate Graduate Curriculum and Research Policies Committee, the department will now require matriculation following the first six credits of graduate work taken. After the first six credits, courses will not count towards the MPA degree. The seven year time limit will appear on each Course of Study form. This action will provide earlier advisement and alleviate our current situation wherein students do not matriculate due to fear of the five year time limit. The five year time limit was created a number of years ago under Provost Donald Douglas. According to Kate VanArnam, Assistant Provost for Academic Programs and Systems Administration at SUNY Central, there are no SUNY regulations pertaining to time limits. Our five year time limit is a locally determined time limit.

This proposal also has support from the Graduate Council. We urge Senate support for this time limit extension as it is of great benefit to our students of Public Administration in terms of earlier advisement and earlier matriculation.

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