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Resolution # 9

1996-97

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: **March 24, 1997**

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: **General Education Program, Comparative Perspectives**

Signed: *James H. Parsons* Date Sent: 4/2/97
 (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: Fall, 98
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on / /
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

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- a. Received and acknowledged
- b. Comment: _____

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Distribution Date: 4/10/97 Signed: *John E. Van de Wetering*
 (President of the College)

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COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES PROPOSAL**

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Rationale:

Our rationale for the first change derives from the College mission statement which highlights the importance of understanding "global interdependence and cultural diversity" and preparing students for "useful citizenship in an interdependent world." We feel that this mission is of such compelling significance to justify including all students seeking a degree from Brockport. We recommend that transfer students be able to petition for waiving the requirement on the basis of an equivalent course taken elsewhere.

Our rationale for the second change relates to the need for flexibility in meeting the requirement. There are any number of highly appropriate courses currently excluded from satisfying this requirement simply because the course is not included in the Breadth Component. If the proposal passes, the GEC would be pleased to review additional courses which meet the guidelines for this requirement.

Resolutions: The following resolutions will implement this proposal:

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