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FACULTY SENATE
BROCKPORT, NY 14420

November 17, 1998

Dr. Thomas Bonner, President
Faculty Senate
Campus

Dear Tom:


After careful examination, the President's Staff decided to postpone the implementation of the Computer Skills Examination requirement, scheduled for to begin in Fall 1999. As you know, the full implementation of this testing as a graduation requirement entails all of the elements below:

- Development of a valid and reliable testing instrument/exercise;
- Establishment of a testing center with appropriate equipment, software, security, etc.;
- Hiring a Computer Skills Exam coordinator;
- Development and delivery of prep courses to assist students in exam preparation;
- Development, discussion, approval and dissemination of relevant academic policies concerning timing and grading of the exam, remediation services for students who fail the exam, and policies concerning retesting;
- Implementation of remedial services; and
- Adequate and timely notice to prospective students about the new graduation requirement.

The President's Staff concluded that much progress has been made on this important initiative to date. However, more developmental work, described above, must be completed before Brockport can launch the Computer Skills Examination required for all students. I will keep you and your colleagues in the Faculty Senate advised of our progress in this matter.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul Yu
President

cc: Michael Fox
Craig Lending
President's Staff

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FACULTY SENATE
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TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: *November 17, 1997*

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

SUBJ: *Proposal to Postpone Full Implementation of the New Computer Skills Exam Until the Fall of 1999.*

Signed: *Anne H. Parsons* Date Sent: *11/20/97*
(Anne H. Parsons, Faculty Senate President)



TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
a. Accepted. Effective Date: *9/1/99*
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: _____

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Distribution Date: *12/11/97* Signed: *Paul Yu*
(President of the College)

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TO: Faculty Senators
FROM: General Education Committee
DATE: November 17, 1997
RE: *Proposal to Postpone Full Implementation of the New
Computer Skills Exam Until the Fall of 1999*

Last year the College decided to require new students entering Fall 98 or after to pass a Computer Skills Examination instead of a Computer Literacy ["T"] Course. [see attached]

The test itself will be ready by Fall 98. The bureaucratic infrastructure for administering the test probably will not be in place by that date.

Therefore, the General Education Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the following resolution to postpone full implementation of the new Computer Skills Exam until the Fall 1999.

1. Implementation of the Computing Skills examination will take place in stages.
2. Both freshmen students and transfers entering in Academic Year 1998-99 may meet the Computing Skills requirement either by successful completion of an existing "T" course or by passing the Computer Skills on-line examination.
3. The college will continue to offer "T" courses until our experience with the exam content and pass rate, as well as the infrastructure for administering, scoring, and supporting with training sessions are in place and secure. We anticipate this will occur by Fall 1999.
4. The GEC will report to the Faculty Senate on progress toward implementation in February, 1998; September, 1998 and February, 1999. A recommendation for the further implementation will be brought to the Senate as part of these reports.

Justification:

A range of questions remain unanswered. For example:
On the broadest level, who is in charge and who is responsible?
On a more specific level:

- a. when and where and how to administer the exam
- b. who will pay the costs of administering the exam
- c. what advanced preparation should be provided for those intending to take the exam; who will provide it and who will pay
- d. who will provide remedial work and who will pay for it.

The four resolutions detailed above will replace the implementation schedule prescribed in the following provision of the Faculty Senate Resolution #11, April, 1997, The Computer Skills Proposal.

Part I, Section F: Implementation.

An 'implementation group' of faculty and staff, under the leadership of Craig Lending [Biology] have been at work during the Spring 1997 academic year, considering the practical details of constructing, administering, and recording the results of the Computer Skills Examination. That process will continue throughout the 1997-98 academic year with the new requirement scheduled to take effect for students entering the college in the Fall of 1998. [emphasis in the original]