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Resolution #11
1998-99

FACULTY SENATE

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: *February 15, 1999*

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

SUBJ: *Resolution Requesting that the Board of Trustees Rescind Its Designation of a General Education Curriculum for SUNY*

Signed: *Thomas Bonner* Date Sent: *3/27/99*
(Thomas Bonner, 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: *3/31/99*
 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: _____

DISTRIBUTION: *Administrative Group - please share with appropriate staff.*

Distribution Date: *4/1/99* Signed: *Paul Yu*
(President of the College)

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESCIND ITS DESIGNATION OF A
GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR SUNY

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Whereas, the Faculty Senate of SUNY College at Brockport nevertheless remains open to constructive recommendations from, and dialog with, the Trustees on curricular matters in an evolving culture and changing world;

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