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## American Sign Language (ASL)

The College at Brockport, College Senate

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**Resolution #11  
2000-2001  
FACULTY SENATE**

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: *January 29, 2001*

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 on American Sign Language (ASL)*

Signed: *Jennifer M. Lloyd* Date Sent: 2/16/01  
*(Jennifer Lloyd, Faculty Senate President)*

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle)  
a. Accepted. Effective Date:   /  /    
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution Date: 3/7/01 Signed: *Paul Yu*  
*(Dr. Paul Yu, President of the College)*

## **POLICY ON AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

### **WHEREAS**

ASL is recognized by the New York State Department of Education as meeting the foreign language requirement for teacher certification, therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

ASL may meet the foreign language requirement of the General Education Program only for those students who graduate having completed the SUNY College at Brockport requirements for teacher certification eligibility.

12/6/00

Passed by Senate 1/29/01



**SUNY BROCKPORT**  
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March 13, 2001

Dr. Jenny Lloyd, President  
Faculty Senate  
Campus

Dear Jenny,

I have received Faculty Senate resolution # 11 concerning American Sign Language (ASL).

It is my understanding that PACGE's interpretation of the ASL provision permits campuses to allow students in several fields of study to offer ASL in fulfillment of the Trustees' general education foreign language requirements. It is also my understanding that the request to the PACGE to broaden the applicability of ASL to several fields of study originated in the Western New York campuses; indeed, I am advised that SUNY Brockport was a leader in developing this request. Given the large number of hearing impaired persons in the Rochester and Western New York region, I assume that our request to the PACGE was founded on the presumption that allowing our students who are preparing for careers in education, health care and other human services professions to offer ASL in lieu of a foreign language was consistent with Brockport's dedication to student success.

The Faculty Senate resolution does not provide a rationale for the College at Brockport to now limit access to ASL to a smaller group of students than is authorized by the PACGE. In the absence of such a rationale, it is difficult to reconcile the apparently inconsistent positions that the College has taken on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. If I can provide additional information or answer any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul Yu  
President

Enclosure