Minor Change in the Political Science Major

The College at Brockport, College Senate
TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President
FROM: The Faculty Senate
RE: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: March 25, 2002
SUBJ: Minor Change in the Political Science Major

Signed: Jennifer Lloyd, Faculty Senate President
Date Sent: 3/25/02

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President
RE: Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle)

I. Accepted. Effective Date: ___/___/___
II. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
III. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation/Other
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

Distribution: President; Staff; Dean; Council; Faculty

Distribution Date: 4-24-02
Signed: (Dr. Paul Yu, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
February 21, 2002

To: Greg Garvey, Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
From: Dena Levy, Senator Department of Political Science
Re: Change to Political Science Major

The Department of Political Science requests approval for a change in the requirements of the Political Science major. Currently, students are required to take both PLS 300 (Political Statistics) and PLS 302 (Approaches to Political Analysis). According to our last external review, we are among only five percent of similar colleges and universities to have such a rigorous requirement. We propose creating a new course, PLS 301, which combines 300 and 302. This entails reducing some of the material that is currently covered with two separate courses but this proposal does reflect the approach taken by most departments in the discipline. In addition, the change reflects the difficulty we are currently encountering due to reduction in faculty lines. We simply do not have enough staff to adequately cover the foundation courses as well as electives within the four subfields.

The core courses for the Political Science major will now be:

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The total course credits required for the major will remain the same at 36. Attached is a copy of a sample syllabus for the proposed new course.
## REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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### Upper Division Requirements: Minimum of 1 Course in each of the following sub-fields: (Note: No changes being made to these requirements)

1. **American Politics**: Choose from PLS 308, 311, 312, 314, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 324, 316, 353, 361, 401, 402, 412, 420, 425, 435, 466, 467, [492/493 Albany Semester], [495/6/7 Washington Semester]
2. **Comparative Politics**: Choose from PLS 340, 3432, 343, 346, 348, 364, 383, 437, 438, 447, 448, 470, 475
3. **International Relations**: Choose from PLS 304, 305, 333, 338, 410, 444, 445, 475
4. **Political Theory**: Choose from PLS 313, 353, 354, 356, 362

### Total Credits: 36
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From: Michael Maggiotto <mmaggiotto@brockport.edu>
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Status: Urgent New

Greg,

Dena Levy has copied me on the request to collapse PLS 300 and 302 into a new course, PLS 301, and the justification for that request. I am in complete agreement with the department.

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