Separate Students from college after 3 inactive semesters

The College at Brockport, College Senate
TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: April 21, 2003

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

SUBJ: Separate Students from College after 3 Inactive Semesters

Signed: [Signature]
Date Sent: 4/24/03

(Dr. Kenneth O'Bole, 2002-2004 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: 5/7/03
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/____
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

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

DISTRIBUTION TO: President’s Staff and School Deans
                 and Enrollment Management Directors

Distribution Date: 5/7/03
Signed: [Signature]
       (Dr. Paul Yu, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
       Date: 5-7-03

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Proposal to Separate Students from College after Inactivity for 3 Consecutive Semesters

**Background:** Matriculated undergraduates voluntarily leave the College by one of two avenues. Those who may want to return are given a Leave of Absence. That allows up to two semesters away, no special notification is required to return, and graduation requirements are “frozen.” Those who do not want to return become Inactive (Banner term) or Separate (Eagle term). Students on Leave who do not enroll after the maximum two semesters of non-enrollment become Inactive.

**Proposal:** Matriculated undergraduate students who have not earned any credits for a period of three consecutive semesters, and are not enrolled after the add period of a fourth semester, will be given Inactive Status at the College. This also will be done for Non-matriculated students. Inactive Status requires the student to be readmitted if they wish to return, and requires that they meet whatever graduation requirements are in place at the time of readmission.

**Rationales:**
1. There are a number of administrative discrepancies that have occurred over the years that have caused non-enrolled students to be maintained in Active status. The following shows degree seeking graduate GR students or undergraduate UG students who have not received a grade since the year indicated but remain on the system in Active status (allowing registration). There are similar numbers for non-matriculated students.

| 1 GR 1973 | 1 GR 1978 |
| 2 GR 1984 | 2 GR 1986 |
| 2 GR 1988 | 7 GR 1989 |
| 7 GR 1990 | 1 GR 1991 |
| 7 GR 1992 | 9 GR 1993 |
| 28 GR 1994 | 16 GR 1995 |
| 10 GR 1996 | 56 GR 1997 |
| 127 GR 1998 | 126 GR 1999 |
| 191 GR 2000 | 82 GR 2001 |

77 UG 1986
174 UG 1998
103 UG 1999
173 UG 2000
29 UG 2001

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2. Current policy allows a student to take up to two consecutive semesters of Leave of Absence. If a student departs during a semester, that semester is counted as the first semester of Leave.

However, there is no limit on the number of consecutive Leaves. We have had a small number of students take a Leave of Absence, begin another semester and take another Leave, and repeat this process multiple times. Currently, there is one student who has done this for five consecutive semesters and earned no credit.

3. The Student Policies Committee also has examined the issue of a small number of students who perform well early in their careers, and then have earned enough of a GPA “cushion” to have several non-performing semester before meeting dismissal standards. Although this policy would not dismiss these students, classifying them as Inactive if they do not enroll would require that they justify their return for re-admission and give the College the opportunity to decide on their continued enrollment.

RK, 3/6/03