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System Wide assessment resolution

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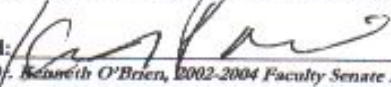
Resolution #32
2002-2003
FACULTY SENATE

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: *May 5, 2003*

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

SUBJ: *System-wide Standardized Assessment Resolution*

Signed:  Date Sent: *6/22/03*
(Dr. Kenneth O'Brien, 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: ___/___/___
b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

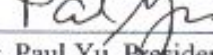
II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI

a. Received and acknowledged

b. Comment: *Please see concern provided in attached letter.*

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Signed:  Date: *8-26-03*
(Dr. Paul Yu, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

System-wide Standardized Assessment Resolution

Whereas, SUNY System administration mandated that each campus develop and implement a campus-based assessment plan for the General Education Program without providing resources for such an endeavor; and

Whereas, SUNY Brockport created a campus-based assessment plan that was approved by GEAR and is in its second semester of implementation; and

Whereas, the issue of a system-wide, standardized assessment instrument in the form of one general education test that all SUNY students would take and whose results could be used for campus comparisons has been raised for discussion by the Chancellor; and

Whereas, this proposal conflicts with the judgments of nationally recognized assessment experts, such as Dr. Barbara Cambridge and Dr. Peter Ewell, who have argued that best practice assessment occurs at the level of the campus, not the system; and

Whereas, the SUNY University Senate has consistently supported campus-based assessment and opposed a system-wide test, and

Whereas, such a test would compromise academic freedom through pressures to teach to the test; and

Whereas, the diversity of programs at SUNY campuses, including General Education, is a major strength of the System;

Therefore be it resolved that the faculty of SUNY Brockport will continue to implement the approved campus-based General Education assessment plan and will not support or participate in any SUNY-mandated standardized General Education Assessment plan.

