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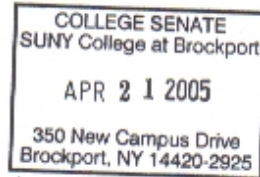
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Resolution # 07 2004-2005 COLLEGE SENATE

TO: Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: **March 21, 2005**

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



SUBJ: **Womens Studies WMS Minor Change**

Signed: Dawn M Jones Date: 4/4/05
(Dr. Dawn M. Jones, 2004/2005 College Senate President)

Please fill out the bottom portion and return document to the College Senate Office.

TO: The College Senate

FROM: Dr. John B. Clark, Interim 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 4/12/05
- b. Comment: _____

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Signed: J. B. Clark Date: 4/12/05
(Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President, SUNY College at Brockport)

**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

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| ROUTING NUMBER* | #20 04-05 UC |
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NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 23 - Proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

Submit all proposals to the College Senate President electronically or on a disk with a hard copy.
Please provide cover page information requested.
facprez@brockport.edu, fsenate@brockport.edu
College Senate Office, 426 Allen Building

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

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| WMS Minor Change |
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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

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| Change to WMS Minor from requiring WMS 401 (Senior Seminar) to requiring WMS 360 (Sex and Culture). |
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3. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS and resubmit to the Senate Office electronically prior to Senate review and vote at fsenate@brockport.edu.

| First Submission | Updated on | Updated on | Updated on |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2/22/05 | | | |

4. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

| Name | Department | Phone | Email |
|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Catherine McKeen | Director, WMS | 395-2026 | cmckeen@brockport.edu |

5. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)

| Standing Committee | Forwarded To | Date |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies | Committee Chair | 2/23/05 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies | Executive Committee | 3/7/05 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies | Senate Floor | 3/21/05 announcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies | College President | 4/4/05 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies | Other | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies | | |

*(ROUTING NUMBER WILL BE A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE INITIALS)

February 22, 2005

Dr. Dawn Jones
Faculty Senate President
SUNY Brockport
Brockport, NY 14420

Dear Dr. Jones:

Please find enclosed a proposal to change the WMS minor by substituting WMS 360 (Sex and Culture) for WMS 401 (Senior Seminar in Women's Studies).

The WMS Board has agreed that the WMS minor should be changed in this way. The WMS minor would then be amended to require WMS 101, WMS 301, WMS 360 plus 3 electives (one of which must be an upper-division elective).

This change is desirable for the following reasons:

- (1) No other program at Brockport, as far as we are aware, requires the senior seminar of their minors;
- (2) In its current format, WMS 401 involves a substantial service-learning component (an internship of at least 100 hours). While this internship can be quite beneficial for WMS majors, it seems inappropriate to require it of WMS minors;
- (3) Several students have dropped the WMS minor primarily because of the WMS 401 requirement.

I concur with the recommendation of the WMS Board and ask the Senate to adopt this change to the WMS minor.

If you, or any member of the Curriculum Committee, or member of the College Senate has any questions regarding this proposal, I can be contacted at cmckeen@brockport.edu, or at 395-2026.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Catherine McKeen
Director of WMS

Proposed Change to WMS minor

1. Senate Proposal Cover sheet

Please see attached

2. Side-by-Side comparison

Please see attached

3. Brief rationale

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4. Description of new courses

No new courses would have to be introduced to accommodate this change.

5. Staffing issues

We currently staff between 3-4 sections of WMS 360 per semester, and 1-2 sections during the summer. These sections are all taught by 'in-house' WMS associate faculty – not by 'borrowed' faculty from other departments. Several of our associate faculty have taught this course multiple times. We have had no difficulty filling these courses or staffing these sections thus far. In fact, we anticipate that we will be able to offer an online version of WMS 360 in fall 2005.

If WMS minors are advised that they will need to take WMS 360 early in their minor, we do not anticipate any problem in their fulfilling the proposed requirement.

6. Academic support

This proposal was unanimously approved by the WMS Board during its meeting on Friday, February 18th. We are currently soliciting support from the Dean. The Director's letter of support is attached.

7. Resources or facilities that may be needed to implement the program

We do not anticipate that this change will necessitate any special facilities or additional resources. We do anticipate that the change, plus the continuing popularity of WMS 360 as a General Education course, will require that the College continue to provide the funding for 3-4 sections of WMS 360 per semester. Currently, these sections are taught by associate faculty and are supported through a combination of the WMS Temporary Services Budget, plus General Education funding.

8. Additional letters of support

None needed.

Comparison of WMS minor w/proposed change and w/o change

Minor in WMS – NOW

From College catalog: “A minor in Women’s studies requires 18 credits, with nine in interdisciplinary core courses: WMS 101, 301, and 401. The remaining nine credits are chosen, with advisement, from the list of approved women’s studies elective. At least one elective must be an upper-division course. Half the credits for the minor in women’s studies (nine credits) must be taken at SUNY Brockport” (p. 328, Catalog 2003-2005).

| The required courses for the minor are: | | Credits |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| WMS 101 | Introduction to Women’s Studies | 3 |
| WMS 301 | Feminist Theory | 3 |
| WMS 401 | Senior Seminar in Women’s Studies | 3 |
| electives | | 9 |
| Total credits in the WMS minor | | 18 |

Minor in WMS – w/proposed change

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