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TO: Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President
FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on April 4, 2005
RE: 

SUBJ: Endorsement of Mission and Vision Statements for the First Year of College #17 04-05 SP

Signed: Dawn M. Jones Date: April 11, 2005

(Dr. Dawn M. Jones, 2004-2005 College Senate President)

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TO: The College Senate
FROM: Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President
RE: 

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   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/FY1
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Signed: John B. Clark Date: 4/19/05

(Dr. John B. Clark, Interim College President, SUNY College at Brockport)
1. PROPOSAL TITLE:
Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.

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2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
The Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year™ Task Force wrote the Mission and Vision statements for the First Year of College and recommends that the College Senate discuss and endorse them before they are disseminated to the campus community.

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.

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The Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College™ Task Force asks that the College Senate endorse the following Mission and Vision statements:

**Vision Statement for the First Year of College at the State University College at Brockport**

The vision for the first year of college:

Is that all students successfully complete their first college year establishing a foundation for understanding their own lives in the context of a diverse world and for completing their degree.

**Mission Statement for the First Year of College at the State University College at Brockport**

The State University of New York College at Brockport:

Is committed to providing and assessing a comprehensive educational experience that promotes both the academic and co-curricular success and engagement of all students in their first year of college.

**Rationale:**

The Task Force wrote the statements as a response to our self-examination of the ways we approach the first year of college. One of the Foundational Dimensions™ statements encourages institutions to “Approach the first year in ways that are intentional and based on a philosophy/rationale of the first year that informs relevant institutional policies and practices. The philosophy/rationale is explicit, clear and easily understood, consistent with the institutional mission, widely disseminated, and, as appropriate, reflects a consensus of campus constituencies. The philosophy/rationale is also the basis for organizational policies, practices, structures, leadership, and resource allocation.”

The above statements provide focus and a coordinating theme for all faculty and staff who provide services to first year students. College Senate discussion and endorsement of the statements provides a critical step in the process of consensus. It is appropriate at this point that we expand the campus conversation on retention to include an emphasis on the achievement of excellence in the first-year of college.

**Follow-up:**

Disseminating the Vision and Mission statements to the campus provides all appropriate constituencies with a tool for developing and implementing initiatives involving first year students. They will be informed via hard copy, publications, and/or web of the importance to SUNY College at Brockport of our first year students. The endorsed Vision and Mission statements will also appear in various College publications, including the First Year Experience brochure, the College catalog, “Your Right to Know”, the Opening of School brochure and the Freshman Resource Manual.