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SUNY BROCKPORT
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate Meeting on: **September 12, 2005**

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

SUBJ: **Better Community Statement Revisions**

Signed:  Date: 9 / 16 / 05
(Dr. Mark Noll, 2005-2006 College Senate President)

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

TO: The College Senate

FROM: 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 9 / 23 / 05
b. Comment: _____

DISTRIBUTED BY PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO: President's Cabinet

DISTRIBUTE ALSO TO: Originator, Academic Advisement, Registrar (as appropriate)

Signed:  Date: 9/23/05
(College President, SUNY College at Brockport)

**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

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| Routing Number | 01 05-06 FP/SP |
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ROUTING NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 23

Proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Submit proposals individually rather than packets including multiple documents.
- Complete this cover page for each proposal (available online at www.brockport.edu/collegesenate)
- Prepare proposal in Word format using committee guidelines (available online)
- Submit proposal electronically with this cover page to senate@brockport.edu, facprez@brockport.edu
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office with an updated cover page, use routing number
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

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

Better Community Statement Revision

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Recent lawsuit settlement entitled *SIMPSON V. YU* states that the following must be added at the end of the existing Better Community Statement and the College seal cannot appear on the document:

“The Better Community Statement is a declaration of the values and beliefs of the College and Student Senates of the State University of New York College at Brockport. It is not intended to obligate, or to be binding upon, any student at the College, nor is it intended to provide grounds for disciplinary action against any student at the College.”

3. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS

| First Submission | Updated on | Updated on | Updated on |
|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| July 14, 2005 | July 15, 2005 | | |

4. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

| Name | Department | Phone | Email |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Terrence Hooper | Human Resources | 2126 | thooper@brockport.edu |

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

| Standing Committee | Forwarded To | Date |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies | Committee Chair | July 14, 2005, July 15, 2005 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies | Executive Committee | August 29, 2005 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies | Senate Floor | September 12, 2005 - announce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies | College President | September 16, 2005 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Policies | Other | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies | | |

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

BETTER COMMUNITY STATEMENT

As members of the State University of New York College at Brockport, we choose to be a part of an academic community that is dedicated to principles that foster integrity, civility and justice.

As citizens of a broad and pluralist society, we encourage those of all cultures, orientations and backgrounds to educate, understand and respect one another in a safe environment.

- *We respect the dignity of all persons and assume the best about them.*
- *We challenge and reject all forms of bigotry while striving to learn from each other's differences.*
- *We celebrate our differences while appreciating our similarities.*
- *We value an inclusive environment that is accepting of each other's cultural, physical, cognitive, social and professional differences.*
- *We respect the rights of each and every member of the community, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, medical condition, disability or socioeconomic status.*
- *We realize that our common interests exceed our individual differences.*

As members of this College community, we strive for academic and personal excellence that will enable us to achieve lives of productive work, personal enrichment and useful citizenship in an increasingly interdependent world.

- *We invite the exploration of new ideas that can stretch us beyond artificial barriers that are academic, political or social.*
- *We affirm that the well-being of our individual units, groups, organizations or disciplines cannot be separated from the overall College community.*
- *We, as members of smaller groups on campus, respect and affirm the transcendent values and principles of the overall College community.*
- *We uphold the right of each individual to pursue his or her intellectual, educational, professional and personal goals in a fair and encouraging environment.*

As individuals who work, study or live in this College community, we affirm our rights to freedom of expression and association, and the belief that they must be exercised responsibly.

- *We value the right to due process which includes concepts of fairness, notice, opportunity to be heard, and timely and objective review of determinations.*
- *We acknowledge that free speech, debate and discourse are necessary to achieve an examined life.*
- *We acknowledge that the essence of academic freedom is the free and open expression and exchange of ideas, even when controversial or unconventional.*
- *We affirm that the dignity of our Brockport community is protected when free speech, academic freedom and individual rights are expressed only with responsible and careful regard for the feelings and sensitivities of others.*

The spirit of building a better community is best served when the ideals of integrity, civility and justice are expressed and debated with tolerance and good will.

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*Endorsed by the SUNY College at Brockport Faculty Senate May 9, 1994;
with revisions October 24 1994 and July 2005.
Endorsed by the Brockport Student Government April 10, 1995.*