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TO:       Dr. John R. Halle, College President
FROM:    The College Senate:  February 19, 2007
RE:        ⊗  I.  Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
           II.  Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
           III.  Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ:    Spanish Major  #23 06-07 UC

Signed:   Jeffrey T. Eastbrook, 2006-07 College Senate President
Date:     2/23/07

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TO:       The College Senate President
FROM:    College President

⊗  I.  Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
   a.  Accepted
   •  "Implementation Effective Date:  2/20/07
      *Date resolution will begin to be used by the College (ie. spring, fall, when included in catalog, etc.)
   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: ________________________________

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Signed:   Jeffrey T. Eastbrook, President, SUNY College at Brockport
Date:     3/4/07

(Dr. John R. Halle, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** FEBRUARY 23

Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Submit only complete proposals.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal (available online at [www.brockport.edu/collegesenate](http://www.brockport.edu/collegesenate)).
- Email proposal and this cover page to senate@brockport.edu and facprez@brockport.edu.
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office with the original cover page including 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*.

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2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**
   Reduction of 3 hrs in the major and elimination of Option A of Track Two

3. **ANTICIPATED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:**
   Enter date this will be effective if passed by the Senate.

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*(ROUTING NUMBER IS A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY ACADEMIC YEAR AND COMMITTEE INITIALS)*
To: Faculty Senate

Executive Summary of Changes Sought

The Dept. of Foreign Languages seeks to update its program in Spanish to reflect the reality of today’s student needs and choices. Our students majoring in Spanish with a desire to teach secondary education must now have a second language (French) to compete for jobs in the marketplace. Since the French Major is 30 hours, we would like the two languages to have parallel requirements, and we would like to make it possible for majors in either language to be able to double major. The extra 3 hours in Spanish does not accomplish enough to warrant 33 hours, and we have had cases where the extra credits have meant either an extra semester here at Brockport or dropping the second major. In essence we are not helping but rather hindering student success. Since we already teach Phonetics in all of our language classes, a specialized course in that area does not need to be required. We would remove it to an elective possibility.

Implementation – with the new Catalog

Revision of the Spanish Major to include only two tracks:

I. Language, Literature and Culture
   II. Interdisciplinary Major in Bilingual-Multicultural Studies
      (for students seeking a bilingual-multicultural extension certificate

The Existing Situation:

Track I. Language, Literature and Civilization  33 credits
Track II. Interdisciplinary Major in Bilingual-Multicultural Studies
   Option A. Does not have a specific name-       36 credits
   Option B. (for students seeking a bilingual-multicultural education extension certificate   36 credits

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No new courses have been added/

As for Staffing, we have 3 fewer faculty that we had 3 years ago, and while the elimination of one course will not have an enormous effect, it will still help.

Letter from the Chair: Since I am the person writing this proposal, I give it my full support. Our catalog has not been revised for a long time, and it is necessary that our offerings reflect the current students’ desires and needs. In the past 10 years we have had only 1 student choose to major in Track II Option A. Students who elect the bilingual track are interested in teaching. Our catalog is confusing and out of date. Three Spanish majors and two minors is a detriment to anyone trying to make sense of our catalog.

I shall ask the Dean to write a letter of support.
We do not need any resources to implement our changes.

These changes in no way affect other cooperating agencies except the Registrar who will be delighted.

Transfer students will have a much easier time when it comes to looking at the major; having only two choices in the major facilitates their programming.