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Adding a Track to the History MA Program

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TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: **October 29, 2007**

RE: 

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

SUBJ: **Adding a Track to the History MA Program**

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 2/11/07

(P. Gibson Ralph, 2007-2008 College Senate President)

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TO: P. Gibson Ralph, The College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE: 

I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
   a. Accepted
   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:

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 11/7/07

(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

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11/14/2007
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28
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) and insert it electronically as the front page of your document.
- Email whole proposal with cover page as one attachment 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.
   Adding a track in the History MA Program

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
The history department proposes adding a joint American/world history track in its MA program

3. ANTICIPATED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: Fall 2008
   Enter date this will be effective if passed by the Senate.

4. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.
   First Submission | Updated on | Updated on | Updated on
   ______ | ______ | ______ | ______

5. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)
   Name  | Department  | Phone  | Email
   Jenny Lloyd  | History  | 5685  | jlloyd@brockport.edu

6. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)
   Standing Committee | Forwarded To | Date
   ______ | ______ | ______
   _ Enrollment Planning & Policies  | To Committee for approval  | 8/30/07
   _ Faculty & Professional Staff Policies  | Committee Chair Sign Here When Passed  | Alisia Chase
   _ General Education & Curriculum Policies *  | To Executive Committee for approval  | 9/17/07 (waiting for Dean's support letter before forwarding to the Senate)
   XX Graduate Curriculum & Policies  | GED to Vice Provost for approval  | NA
   _ Student Policies  | To Senate for approval  | 10/8/07, Vote 10/29/07
   _ Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies  | To College President for approval  | 11/2/07
   * follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at “How to Submit Proposals” on our Website.

* (ROUTING NUMBER IS A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY ACADEMIC YEAR AND COMMITTEE INITIALS – Please use routing number and title in all references to proposals.)

COMMITTEE CHAIR:
- WHEN YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVES A PROPOSAL, PLEASE SIGN WHERE INDICATED ABOVE. GENERAL EDUCATION PROPOSALS MUST ALSO BE SIGNED ON THE SIGNATURE PAGE PROVIDED IN THE PACKET. YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE UNDER THE DEAN’S SIGNATURE. RETURN ALL PROPOSALS TO SENATE OFFICE FOR PROCESSING.
The History Department proposes to add a third track to the History MA. Currently students choose a major field in either American or world history (24 credits) and a minor field (9 credits). The new track would be:

American/World emphasis

Required courses
HST 600 Introduction to Historical Study 3 credits

*Either* HST 614 Reading Seminar in Early America

*Or* HST 615 Reading Seminar in Modern America 3 credits

One 600-level seminar in world history (topics vary) 3 credits

*Either* HST 691 Research in American History

*Or* HST 695 Research in World History 3 credits

*Either* HST 700 Integrative Essay

*Or* HST 701 Thesis 3 credits

Electives
3 electives in American history 9 credits
3 electives in world history 9 credits

One elective must be at the 600 level

Total number of credits 33 credits

**SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON**

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**MISSION, MARKET, QUALITY**

This track is consonant with the department’s mission for its MA program: to offer high quality and rigorous graduate training in history to a diverse student body.

A majority of history graduate students have secondary social studies teaching certification. Most matriculated students choose the American track, but there are more teaching positions in world history, since the secondary curriculum in social studies requires two years of world history. This track allows students to cover both tracks with an equal amount of class time. We believe it will be attractive to students who do not yet have a teaching position.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

3.0 or greater undergraduate GPA. High quality writing sample, as determined by the departmental Graduate Committee.
EXIT REQUIREMENTS
Completion of all requirements.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
No new courses required.

SEQUENCE OF COURSES
The department offers HST 600 every fall, one American history seminar and one world history seminar every semester, at least two 600-level electives and approximately 10 500-level electives every semester. HST 691, HST 695, HST 700 and HST 701 are available for students every semester and in the summer. The department usually offers at least one American history and one world history elective in the summer.
It is possible to complete any of our graduate tracks in two semesters and a summer. Part-time students should have no difficulty in completing their coursework in five years.

STAFFING
No new staffing required.
I support the proposal for the new track in the History MA program, #02 07-08 GC. It will encourage students to broaden their knowledge beyond American history. Also, the number of students in our MA program has grown considerably over the past few years, and this track will help direct students to courses in which we have more seats available.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Lloyd, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of History and Chair
SUNY College at Brockport

Dr. Lloyd:

I am writing to you to express my support of the new proposed track in History. Thank you for addressing my questions.

Susan Stites-Doe

Susan Stites-Doe, PhD
Dean of Graduate Studies
Professor
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585-395-2525
I support the attached proposal for a new track in American/World History.

Stuart Appelle, Ph.D.
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