Women and Gender Studies Changes in Requirements for the Major

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TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: February 4, 2008

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

SUBJ: Women and Gender Studies Minimum Grade Policy

Signed: [Signature] Date: 2/25/2008
(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
       Implementation Effective Date: Fall 2008
    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: [Comment]

Signed: [Signature] Date: 3/4/08
(John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

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

INSTRUCTIONS – please, no multiple attachments – each proposal must be submitted as one document:
- Submit only complete proposals. Include support letters from department chair and dean.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal and insert it electronically as the front page of your document. (Available online at www.brockport.edu/collegesenate)
- 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, ie. Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.
   Women and Gender Studies Changes in the Requirements for the Major

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
   Women and Gender Studies would like to revise the requirements for the major by increasing the substance of the Senior Seminar course while maintaining the integrity of the required Practicum/Internship experience.

3. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE: Spring '08

4. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

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**Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.
October 16, 2007

Dear College Senate,

I wholeheartedly endorse the proposed revision to the Women and Gender Studies major.

Per the current program, WMS 401 -- Senior Seminar in Women Studies -- functions as a seminar, requires an internship, and includes a research component. This arrangement is problematic because WMS 401 in its current form is trying to do too much. Adding WMS 420 -- Practicum in Women and Gender Studies -- to the major, and replacing WMS 401 with WMS 421 -- Senior Seminar in Women and Gender Studies, allows the program to separate the practicum/internship requirement from the senior seminar requirement. This curriculum correction maintains the integrity of the program's practicum/internship objective while permits the senior seminar course to serve as a more substantive capstone experience where students can bridge theory and practice as well as execute a culminating research effort grounded in the discipline. By dropping the five elective requirement to four, the interdisciplinary nature of the program is retained while the credit hours for the major remain unchanged.

No additional resources are necessary in realizing this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and/or if you require additional information concerning this curriculum revision.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara LeSavoy, PhD
Interim Director, Women and Gender Studies
Women and Gender Studies Changes in the Requirements for the Major
November 2, 2007

Women and Gender Studies envisions the following details in implementing this curriculum revision:

- **Add WMS 420** – Practicum in Women and Gender Studies to the major.
- **Replace WMS 401** - Senior Seminar in Women Studies with **WMS 421** – Senior Seminar in Women and Gender Studies. WMS 421 will serve as capstone experience where students will blend theory and practice and execute the research topic proposed in WMS 411 - Feminist Research Methods
- **WMS 301- Feminist Theory and WMS 411 - Feminist Research Methods** will serve as prerequisites to WMS 420 and WMS 421
- **WMS 420 and 421** can be taken simultaneously. If not taken simultaneously, WMS 420 should precede WMS 421.
- **Reduce** the five elective requirement to four.

**Rationale:**
Currently, the practicum/internship experience is a requirement for the major but fulfilled through WMS 401 -- Senior Seminar in Women's Studies. This arrangement is problematic because WMS 401 is trying to do too much; and consequently, is fragmented in this effort. Separating the practicum/ internship requirement from the senior seminar course enhances the practicum experience while permits the senior seminar to serve as a more substitutive capstone experience where students can bridge theory and practice as well as execute a culminating research effort grounded in the discipline. By reducing the five elective requirement to four, the credits for the major remain the same. No additional resources are necessary in realizing this proposal.

The side by side comparison of the current/proposed curriculum is attached.
### FALL '07 PROPOSAL
**WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES CURRICULUM REVISION**
SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON OF CURRENT/PROPOSED MAJOR

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**WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES REVISED COURSE BLURBS**

**WMS (401) 421 Senior Seminar in Women and Gender Studies (A, W)** Prerequisite: WMS 101, 301, WMS 411; Corequisite 420; and senior status; or instructor's permission.
A capstone, integrative, multidisciplinary experience providing advanced study of a significant topic in women and gender studies. Bridges theory and practice; requires critical analysis of the intersectionality of sex, gender, class and other dimensions of social identity. Requires execution of the research proposal completed in WMS 411, Feminist Research Methods. 3 Cr. Spring semester.

**WMS 420 Practicum in Women and Gender Studies (A).** Prerequisite: WMS 101, 301, 411; Corequisite: WMS 421 and senior status; or instructor's permission. Allows students to put feminist theory into practice in a structured setting. Provides a faculty-supervised practicum opportunity where students serve as interns in an organization that focuses its work on gender-related issues. Requires students to devise and complete projects within the organization and to study the organization and its structure from a feminist perspective. 3-6 Cr. Every Semester.
I approve the attached curriculum change proposal . #11 07-08 UC Women and Gender Studies Changes in the Requirements for the Major.

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