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Resolution # 21
2007-2008
COLLEGE SENATE
New Resolution:  
Supersedes Res #:  

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President
FROM: The College Senate: April 7, 2008
RE:  
   I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
   III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Anthropology Two-option Major Structure and Credit Requirements

Signed: Date: 1/4/08
(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:

Signed:  Date: 4/23/08
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28
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, i.e. Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**
   1) Eliminate option 2 of our major (Pre-graduates school/Pre-professional track)
   2) Replace the required 1 credit ANT 395--Anthropology and Careers with 3 credit ANT 471--Anthropology as a Profession
   3) Renumber the required ANT 370--Anthropological Theory to ANT 471
   4) Rename ANT 394--Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology to ANT 394--Anthropological Research Methods
   5) Three subdiscipline 400-level courses (one each in Physical, Cultural and Archaeological Anthropology) from a list approved by the Department and listed in DARS.

3. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2008

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

5. **SUBMITTED BY:** (contact person)

6. **COMMITTEES TO COPY:** (Senate office use only)

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   * follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at "How to Submit Proposals" on our Website.

**Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.
I. A side-by-side comparison of the old and new program 

Credit hours must be included and totaled in clear tabular form.

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<th>Current Programs (Options 1, 2)</th>
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* Changes in boldface.

II. A brief rationale for changes, e.g. new direction in field:

1) Eliminate Option 2 (Pre-professional/pre grad school track): This is in response to (i) comments we received from our Periodic Program review in 2003-2004; (ii) problems integrating it with DARS and Graduation Status check; (iii) the fact that the distinction does not appear on the student's transcript; and (iv) some student confusion about options 1 and 2. We will still retain the Senior Thesis option as an upper division elective, and will advise students to complete appropriate enrichments courses should they anticipate applying to graduate school. [Note: This change also anticipates the addition of an Honors BA in Anthropology that we plan to implement next year. That is independent of the current proposal]

2) Replace ANT 395—Anthropology and Careers (1 cr.) course with ANT470—Anthropology as a Profession (3 cr.) The current 1 credit course does not allow sufficient time to cover topics we believe essential to preparing students for post college life. The change in credit hours and title emphasizes the broader aim of the course, consistent with the growing number of anthropology graduates entering professional roles in business, government, etc. New topics will include professional writing, applied project design, research design, grant writing, professional ethics, portfolio development. This course has already been registered as a (B) code.

3) Re-title ANT 394 from “Research methods in Cultural Anthropology” to “Anthropological Research Methods.” This reflects a change in emphasis to focus on research designs and methodologies that cut across Cultural, Archaeological and Biological Anthropology.

4) Re-number Ant 370—Anthropological Theory as Ant 471—Anthropological Theory. Our consensus is that students need more background in anthropology before tackling theory, and that theory should ideally be taken in the Senior year. The 400-number reflects this change.

5) Three subdiscipline 400-level courses (one each in Physical, Cultural and Archaeological Anthropology) from a list approved by the Department and listed in DARS. Our 400 level courses cover a lot of territory. Courses meeting the 400-level subdiscipline requirement have specific reading-level, writing, and intellectual requirements above those of other 400-level courses (field schools, practica, etc.)
III. Description of new courses:

**ANT 394—Anthropological Research Methods (A) (Revised Catalog description):** Students will explore and apply research methodologies within and across the subdisciplines of anthropology, including: developing research designs, applying appropriate field, lab and analytical techniques, and writing professional research reports based on individual and class research. 3 Cr.

**ANT 470 Anthropology as a Profession (B) (Catalog description):** There is a growing demand in the public and private sectors for people with college or postgraduate anthropological training. ANT 470 examines and provides hands-on experience in the specific skills and issues related to applying anthropology in the workplace. Topics and course exercises include: Anthropological and workplace ethics, research and institutional project design, grand development and writing, anthropological and institutional writing, selecting and obtaining funding for relevant postgraduate training within and outside of Anthropology. 3 Cr.

IV. Staffing Issues: This program revision does not require staffing adjustments.

V. Academic Administration Commentary:

Endorsement from chair: (Attached)

As Chair of the Anthropology Department I fully support the proposed changes as outlined in this document.

LouAnn Wurst

Endorsement from Dean: (Attached)

VI. Resources/facilities needed to implement the program: This program revision does not require specific new resources.