Amendments to the Faculty Bylaws

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TO:       Dr. John R. Halstead, College President  
FROM:    The College Senate: April 5, 2010
RE:            I.   Formal Resolution 
                   (Act of Determination)  
                  II.   Recommendation  
                   (Urging the Fitness of)  
                  III.  Other, For Your Information  
                   (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
SUBJ:                Bylaws Revisions 2010-2013  
                                    (routing #64 09-10BL)
Signed:_______________________________________________    Date: ____/____/____
(Steven Lewis, 2009-10 College Senate President)
Please fill out the bottom portion and follow the distribution instructions at the end of this page.

TO:             Steven Lewis, 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: May 2010
                  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 6 / 7 / 10
                  b. Comment:  
Signed:_____________________ ___________________________ Date: ___________________
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, The 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 – submit each proposal electronically as one Word document.

- Submit only complete proposals. Include support letters from department chair and dean. Signed documents can be submitted as hard copies.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Fill out and insert this cover page into each proposal as page 1. (collegesenate/proposal.html)
- Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our “Approved Resolutions” page on our Website.
- Merge/insert all attachments/sections into one Word document. Do not send your proposal as a .pdf file.
- Email your proposal as one attachment to senate@brockport.edu. Signed pages can be sent/faxed as hard copies.
- All revisions must be resubmitted to senate@brockport.edu 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:
Revisions and updates to the current Bylaws.

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET ARE NEEDED? _x_ NO ___ YES EXPLAIN YES

4. HOW WILL THIS EFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS: NA

5. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2010

6. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

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

NOTES: ** 3/31/10 - Posting to our Website and Daily Eagle for voting faculty to view prior to the Faculty-at-Large meeting on 4/5/10.
AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Amendment 1: Limitation on Presidential Appointment of Senators-at-Large.
Add Article One (Purpose and Definitions), Section E (Units of Representation), Number 6:

5. In the event of there being an insufficient number of Senators-at-Large candidates, or in the event of a vacancy, the Senate President may, upon consultation with the Executive Committee, appoint a Senator to serve in that capacity until the next election.

6. The number of Senators-at-Large appointed by the Senate President shall not exceed three (3).

Amendment 2: Unique Representation
Modify Article One (Purpose and Definitions), Section E (Units of Representation):

3. One (1) Senator shall be elected by each academic department or administrative unit of representation. No Senator may represent two (2) or more units of representation. In addition, six (6) Senators-at-Large shall be elected from the Faculty. Three (3) Senators-at-Large shall be elected each year.
shall be elected from the Faculty. Three (3) Senators-at-Large shall be elected each year.

**Amendment 3: Setting a Fixed Quorum**

Modify Article Three (The Senate), Section B (Meetings):

The Senate shall meet at least once each month during the academic year, and shall consider an agenda prepared by the Senate Executive Committee in accordance with these Bylaws. The Senate shall also meet on call of its President, the Chief Administrative Officer of the College, the Chancellor, or ten (10) percent of its membership. One (1) more than one-half (1/2) of the voting Senate membership shall constitute a quorum. **By motion, the Senate shall set quorum as a fixed number at the beginning of the academic year.**

**Amendment 4: Terminological Clarification (non-voting membership)**

Modify all instances of “ex-officio, non-voting member” (and similar) in the bylaws to “non-voting member”. This clarifies the following:

- Article One (Purpose and Definitions), Section C (Composition):
  
  c. The Senate shall be composed of elected members of the Faculty who are eligible by the provisions of these Bylaws and who have served at least six (6) months with Voting Faculty status (see ARTICLE ONE, Section D) and such ex-officio and non-voting members as hereinafter may be specified.

- Article Three (The Senate), Section E (Membership), Number 1:

  c. The Chief Administrative Officer of the College who shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Senate.

  d. The University Faculty Senators who shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the Senate, unless also elected as Senators representing units.

  e. The President or designee of the legal bargaining agency for the teaching faculty and professionals who shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Senate.

- Article Four (Officers of the Senate), Section C (Duties), Number 1 (President):

  c. The President shall be an ex-officio and nonvoting member of all standing committees of the Senate, but shall not serve as chairperson of these standing committees.
• Article Four (Officers of the Senate), Section C (Duties), Number 2 (President-elect):
  
  c. The President-elect shall be **ex officio and ex officio** non-voting members of all standing committees of the Senate, but shall not serve as chairperson of these standing committees.

• Article Six (Standing Committees of the Senate), Section K (Committee on General Education Curriculum and Policies):

  1. Membership … The General Education Program administrator shall be an **ex officio and ex officio** non-voting member of the Committee, but shall not chair the Committee.

• Article Six (Standing Committees of the Senate), Section L (Committee on the Graduate Curriculum and Policies):

  1. Membership … The Dean of Graduate Studies shall be an **ex officio and ex officio** non-voting member of the Committee, but shall not chair the Committee.

**Amendment 5: Agenda Flexibility**
Modify Article Three (The Senate), Section C (Agenda):

  d. The agenda shall include at least the following items, **in the order given below** …

**Amendment 6: Terminological Clarification (1/3 “majority”)**
Modify Article Three (The Senate), Section C (Agenda), Number 2:

  c. The slight change designation does not prohibit any member of the Senate from stating objections for the record. A voting member may request a full vote of the Senate on such an item. A motion to take a vote at the following Senate meeting requires a second, may be discussed, and passes with a one-third (1/3) **majority** of those present and voting **casting a vote in the affirmative**.

**Amendment 7: Greening of the Senate**
Modify Article Three (The Senate), Section C (Agenda):

  1. The agenda shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and shall be **circulated by mad made available electronically** to all Senators in advance of regular meetings.
Amendment 8: Absence of a President-Elect

Modify Article Four (Officers of the Senate), Section D (Vacancies):

1. If a vacancy in the office of President occurs, the President-elect shall serve as acting-president as long as that vacancy shall exist without vacating the office of the President-elect.
2. A vacancy in the office of President-elect shall be filled by a special election. Special elections may be held only during the fall and spring semesters.
3. In the absence of a President-elect, the President will continue to serve as interim-President until a President-elect has been elected.

Amendment 9: Academic Affairs Reorganization

Article One (Purpose and Definitions), New Section (This new section applies as one part of Amendment 9 only if vote on Amendment 2 to the Standing Rules fails.)

G. Organization of the College

An academic department that lacks administrative alignment to a School of the College shall accrue all rights and privileges of a School of the College as defined in these Bylaws.

Article Three (Senate), Section E (Membership):

6. Four student representatives will be invited to attend each meeting of the Senate and to participate in a non-voting capacity. These students shall be selected and appointed each year in the following manner:
   a. In each of the three schools, the chairs of departments shall nominate and the dean shall select one undergraduate student representative.
   b. ...

Article Six (Standing Committees of the Senate), Section K (Committee on General Education Curriculum and Policies):

1. Membership: At least one-half (1/2) the membership of this Committee shall be teaching faculty, including at least two members from each of the three Schools of the College. ...

Article Six (Standing Committees of the Senate), Section L (Committee on the Graduate Curriculum and Policies):

1. Membership: At least one-half (1/2) the membership of this committee shall be teaching faculty, including one teaching faculty member from a department with a graduate program in each of the three Schools of the College with such a program. ...

Amendment 10: Notice of Faculty-at-large Meetings

Article Two (The Faculty), Section B (Meetings):

2. All items to be considered at the meeting shall be placed on the agenda, which shall be distributed to the Faculty at least two weeks prior to the meeting.