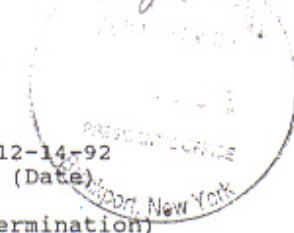


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TO: President John E. Van de Wetering  
FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on 12-14-92  
(Date)

RE: X I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)  
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)  
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)  
For your information

SUBJECT: Revision of Recreation and Leisure Practicum

Signed *William J. Steyer, Jr.* Date Sent 3-8-93  
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate  
FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution  
a. Accepted. Effective Date fall 93  
b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the  
attached explanation

II, III.  
a. Received and acknowledged  
b. Comment:

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(President of the College)

# **BROCKPORT**

State University of New York  
College at Brockport  
Brockport, New York 14420

Recreation and Leisure Studies  
16/395-5490

December 4, 1992

TO: Dr. G. Dicker, Chairperson  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

FR: Dr. D. Jewell, Coordinator  
Field Placement

RE: Rationale for 3 cr. hr. Increase for REL 403: Practicum

As a follow-up to my meeting with the Committee on Tuesday, December 1 I would like to reiterate the rationale for increasing the credit earned for REL 403: Practicum from 12 to 15 hours.

First of all, 15+ hours or 1 credit hour/ week of full-time placement is the "state of the art." To support this contention I am attaching a copy of the results of a recent survey I conducted of 11 nationally accredited programs. I wish to point out that SUNY Cortland, our major "competition" for students, requires a 16 credit hour internship or practicum or 1 credit hour for each week of full-time placement. Also, Temple, perhaps the "premier" program of the North Atlantic region, requires a 15 credit hour internship for a 15 week full-time placement. Finally, when discussing the credit bearing issue with Dr. Riley at Vermont's Green Mountain College he stated that the only reason it is capped at 12 hours is to control the cost to students. You will note, however, that they give 1 credit hour for each week of required full-time placement. As you will recall, your committee was provided with supporting documentation.

Another reason, one related to the aforementioned, is the increase will make our students more competitive or attractive with respect to agency selection. The agency supervisor will spend substantial time training and orienting the student selected. Therefore, a student making a 15 week commitment is far more attractive than one making only one of 12 weeks. A number of our students have been rejected by leading agencies for this reason alone.

A number of states (California, for example) are requiring the 15 week/600 hour clinical practicum before awarding professional certification in therapeutic recreation. Last year 3 of our students interned in California and were required to extend for 3 weeks in order to be eligible for certification and employment with the state mental health and developmental disabilities agency.

Scope of opportunity is another concern. An increasing number of agencies (resorts, municipalities, rehabilitation centers, V.A. centers, etc.) are now requiring students to be on-site a minimum of 15 weeks. This is another element of the competitiveness issue.

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The students will also be required, as they are now, to fulfill a number of course requirements. The four major writing assignments will be more comprehensive; their learning/placement goals and objectives will be more extensive; and their leadership and programming responsibilities will be increased.

Finally, in addition to the aforementioned concerns, I would like to assure the Faculty Senate that the requested increase will not result in any of the following:

- °the student being required to take an additional course,
- °the student being enrolled for a lengthier period,
- °the student having to pay additional tuition,
- °the need for additional faculty resources,
- °any negative impact on other academic units, or
- °more than 54 credit hours of required REL courses.

Given the justifications for the increase and the assurances offered it is our hope that the Faculty Senate will act favorably upon our request.

Thank you.

copies: Dr. M. Harter, Dean  
Dr. J. Balog, Chair  
Dr. A. Rancourt, Coordinator  
REL Faculty

RESULTS OF PRACTICUM SURVEY CONDUCTED NOVEMBER 9-12, 1992

School	Length of Practicum	Credit Hours	Formula
Central Michigan	30 weeks	30	1 hr/wk
Green Mountain College	12	12	1 hr/wk
Indiana University	14	14	1 hr/wk
Southern Illinois University	14	12	None
SUNY Cortland	16	16	1 hr/wk
Temple University	15	15	1 hr/wk
University of Connecticut	10	9	None
University of Florida	15	15	1 hr/wk
University of North Texas	12-15	15	1 hr/wk (32-40 hrs)
University of Toledo	16	16	1 hr/wk
University of West Texas	15	15	1 hr/wk