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Resolution **2017-18 #19FP**
College Senate

Supersedes Res #: _____



TO: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President

FROM: The College Senate:

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

SUBJ: **Policy for Student Involvement in Governance of Academic Departments and Programs** (#14_17-18FP)

Implementation Effective Date**: August 20, 2018

Signed: _____ *(Sandeep Singh, 2017-18 College Senate President)* Date: 02/14/18

Signed: _____ *(Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, The College at Brockport)* Date: 2/14/18

****Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.** YES NO

Please fill out the bottom portion and follow the distribution instructions at the end of this page.

TO: Dr. Sandeep Singh, College Senate President

FROM: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, 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.

d. Comments: *Please ensure that this is traced appropriately so that no student voice is heard.*

Signed: _____ *(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport)* Date: 2/16/18

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The College Senate will forward the resolution signed by the College Senate President to the Vice Provost for determination as to whether the implementation of the resolution requires final approval from SUNY-State Education Dept. The Vice Provost will then forward the resolution with that designation to the College President. Upon approval, the College President will forward copies of resolutions to his/her staff who will, in turn, forward copies to their staff and to the College Senate. The College Senate Office will post resolutions to the College Senate Web at <http://www.brockport.edu/collegesenate/resolutions>.

**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
JANUARY 31**

Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office 2017-2018</i>	14_17-18FP <i>Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.</i>
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	1979-1980_03

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Prepare ONE complete document in **Word format or PDF**: include this proposal cover page, the detailed proposal, and any relevant supporting data or documentation, including letters of support from your department chair and dean, if applicable, as well as letters of support or dissent (or evidence that such letters were sought) from all affected programs, departments, or units at the College.
- **Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our "Approved Resolutions" page on our Web site.**
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to kgay@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost's Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top. Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. **PROPOSAL TITLE:** Please be somewhat descriptive, ie. *Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc.*

Policy for Student Involvement in Governance of Academic Departments and Programs

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

This proposal replaces Resolution #03_1979-1980 with new language on student involvement in governance of academic departments and programs.

3. **WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED?** NO YES **EXPLAIN YES**

4. **DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.**

N/A

5. **DESCRIBE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, THAT THESE CHANGES WILL HAVE ON STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP.**

N/A

6. **DESCRIBE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, THAT THESE CHANGES WILL HAVE ON TRANSFER STUDENTS AND THEIR ABILITY TO TRANSFER SEAMLESSLY AS MANDATED BY SUNY POLICY.**

N/A

7. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

ASAP

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

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
11/13/17	12/5/17	1/11/18	1/22/18

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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10. **COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)**

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	11/13/17
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	1/22/18
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	2/12/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	2/14/2018 and 2/14/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	2/16/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

WHEREAS Resolution 1979-1980_03 includes provisions for mandatory student participation in appropriate departmental committees; and

WHEREAS multiple departments have expressed that student participation should not be required across the board; and

WHEREAS the College Senate is deeply committed to shared governance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 1979-1980_03 be replaced with the following policy on student participation:

Policy for Student Involvement in Governance of Academic Departments and Programs

Academic departments need to solicit and give respectful consideration to the voices of students affected by the department's actions. The specifics of how this should happen are best decided and documented at the department level. Potential venues may include, but are not limited to:

1. A student advisory council convened for the purpose of student involvement
2. Student participation on appropriate departmental committees
3. Town-hall style meetings in which students who are affiliated with the department/program will have their concerns heard by the Chair and/or a group of designated faculty members who will report the findings to their department for discussion

If a department would like to work with a registered student organization, it will be the responsibility of BSG to recruit students and/or take steps to establish such an organization following their procedures. Chairs should inform BSG leadership when a major's club needs to be created or reinvigorated.

Appendix: Survey Data

A survey was sent to all Senate representatives in Spring 2017. Twenty-two responses were received. Of those:

- 2 were in favor of requiring student reps at faculty meetings
- 4 were in favor of requiring student reps on the following committees: curriculum, searches, assessment, and awards
- No department was in favor of giving students voting rights on these committees.

Open ended comments (with identities removed):

characteristics

comments

If policy requires student representation what happens when a student either does not attend meeting or department is unable to find student rep?

selected by faculty

student participation is required by our accreditation. It ensures shared governance

does not have a conduct record that is in active status, should develop best practices for choosing students but leave some autonomy for departments
No

can the language of this policy be changed to be more inclusive of faculty, staff, and say college senate?

depts should have flexibility

dept of X uses a student advisory council, since we believe student input and feedback is valuable. Although we don't believe the college should require student representation on committees, if a dept wishes to it should be its prerogative

We would also like to add that students regularly participate in faculty searches by meeting with candidates, participating in candidate presentations and by completing surveys. Additionally, students already participate regularly in assessment activities through surveys and through distribution of program assessment rubrics. Our faculty also felt that if the survey had differentiated between activities, and committees we would have been able to complete the survey with more nuance and accuracy. We believe strongly that students should not be required to be included in faculty committees, whereas there are already many ways that students are asked to participate in most of the activities mentioned in the survey.

do not believe the college policy should require student reps in the activities listed in the survey. Therefore, there is no reason to list any characteristics.

no previous conduct history

we all agreed that students should be encouraged to participate but only when appropriate

students should not be required on committees, but should be encouraged to participate. Depts should be allowed to decide this policy for themselves.

some thought junior status and GPA ≥ 2.5 , other thought each dept should choose its own criterion

overall supportive of involving students in governance activities but thought encouraging student involvement in senate would be a better route. Finding enough students willing to participate in all the committees will be an administrative challenge(nightmare). I think encouraging student involvement wherever makes sense is ideal

N/A

we are collectively strongly opposed to mandating student representation in any of the above specified activities. If depts opt to include students that's fine. However we oppose requiring it

