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**Resolution # 25
2003-2004
FACULTY SENATE**

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: **March 29, 2004**

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

SUBJ: **Minor Change in Anthropology Major**

Signed:  Date: 4/15/04
(Dr. Kenneth O'Brien, 2002-2004 Faculty Senate President)



TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: **Dr. Paul Yu, College President**

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle)
a. Accepted. Effective Date: ___/___/___
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:

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Dean's Council advisement, Registrar

Distribution Date: 4-5-04

Signed:  Date: 4-5-04
(Dr. Paul Yu, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

**FACULTY SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 23 - Proposals received later may not be reviewed until next semester.

Submit all proposals to the Faculty Senate President electronically or on a disk with a hard copy.

Please provide cover page information requested.

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Faculty Senate Office, 426 Allen Building

NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY SENATE OFFICE

ROUTING
NUMBER*

#65 03-04 UC

1. PROPOSAL TITLE:

Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Minor Change in Anthropology Major

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Change Anthropology Major requirement, part c, from:

“Three sub discipline upper-division courses (9 cr.)”

to

“Three sub discipline 400-level courses (9 cr.)”

3. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS and resubmit to the Senate Office electronically prior to Senate review and vote at fSenate@brockport.edu.

First Submission	Updated on	Updated on	Updated on
3/8/04			

4. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)

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5. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)

Committee	Forwarded To	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget	Committee Chair	3/25/04
<input type="checkbox"/> College Environment	Executive Committee	3/29/04
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Policies	Senate Floor	4/5/04 – announce
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education	College President	4/5/04
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PROPOSAL FOR MINOR CHANGE IN ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR:

Introduction:

1) The Department of Anthropology wishes to change Anthropology Major requirement, part C, from: “Three sub discipline upper-division courses (9 cr.)” to read “Three sub discipline 400-level courses (9 cr.)”. Under the current program it is possible for students to complete the major without completing any 400-level courses. The proposed revision will assure that anthropology majors complete at least three 400-level courses.

1. Faculty Senate Cover letter (See attached)

2. Side-by-Side Comparison (See next page)

3. Brief Rationale for Changes:

Rationales:

1. Students would benefit from taking specialized courses in the major that are geared specifically or primarily toward anthropology majors. Currently, students can complete the major without taking any 400-level courses. Furthermore, majors can meet the Cultural Anthropology requirement by taking Contemporary Issues courses that are designed specifically for non-majors.
2. Historically, enrollments in 400-level Cultural Anthropology courses have been low (due, in part, to students' ability to meet the requirement via contemporary issues courses). Channeling majors into 400-level courses will provide the "critical mass" necessary to offer intellectually valuable and challenging advanced courses and will allow us to make best use of faculty resources.
3. We have seen a three-year growth in the number of majors. To attract and keep high quality majors—and to compete with other anthropology programs—it is important that we offer a palate of attractive, advanced, courses.
4. Majors planning to enter graduate school or post baccalaureate careers using anthropology will benefit from courses directed specifically at anthropology majors.

Implications:

1. This requirement would be implemented, at the earliest, in Fall 2004. Students who matriculated at Brockport prior to that time would fall under the old program.
2. We would have to renumber some current 300-level courses to meet this requirement. This might cost us some enrollment from non-majors who might otherwise be qualified to take the course. However, this could be remedied by aggressive marketing of our 400-level courses to relevant populations (E.g.: Sociology, Psychology, etc., majors, as relevant).
3. We could implement this requirement gradually. If we were to offer one (or at most, two) 400-level courses in each sub-discipline each semester we could meet demand. To assure diversity, it would make sense to provide a rotation of three or four 400-level courses in each sub-discipline over several semesters.

Students could meet the 400-level requirement by completing an internship or independent study in the relevant area (Cultural, Physical, Archaeology).

Current Program:

Option I Major Requirements (37 cr.)

- A. Introductory courses (9 cr.)
 - ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 cr.)
 - ANT 110 Introduction to Archaeology (3 cr.)
 - ANT 120 Introduction to Human Evolution (3 cr.)
- B. Intermediate core courses (7 cr.)
 - ANT 200 Ethnographic Experience (3 cr.)
 - ANT 370 Anthropological Literature (3 cr.)
 - ANT 395 Anthropology and Careers (1 cr.)
- C. Three sub discipline upper-division courses (9 cr.)
 - ANT 3/4xx Physical Anthropology Course (3 cr.)**
 - ANT 3/4xx Archaeology Course (3 cr.)
 - ANT 3/4xx Cultural Anthropology Course (3 cr.)**
- D. Anthropological methods (3 cr.)
 - ANT 394 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology (3 cr.)
- E. Additional courses chosen in consultation with advisor (9 cr.)

Option II Major Requirements: (40 credits)

- A. Introductory courses (9 cr.) Same as Option I
- B. Intermediate core courses (7 cr.) Same as Option I
- C. Three sub discipline upper-division courses (9 cr.) Same as Option I
- D. Anthropological methods (3 cr.) Same as Option I
- E. Additional courses chosen in consultation with advisor (9 cr.) Same as Option I

Senior Thesis: ANT 496 Senior Thesis Project (3 cr.)

Required collateral course: SOC 200 Social Statistics, PSH 202 Introduction to Statistics for Psychology, or equivalent course in computer applications (3 cr.)

Proposed Program:

Option I Major Requirements (37 cr.)

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 - ANT 110 Introduction to Archaeology (3 cr.)
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- B. Intermediate core courses (7 cr.)
 - ANT 200 Ethnographic Experience (3 cr.)
 - ANT 370 Anthropological Literature (3 cr.)
 - ANT 395 Anthropology and Careers (1 cr.)
- C. Three sub discipline upper-division courses (9 cr.)
 - ANT 4xx Physical Anthropology Course (3 cr.)**
 - ANT 4xx Archaeology Course (3 cr.)
 - ANT 4xx Cultural Anthropology Course (3 cr.)**
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