



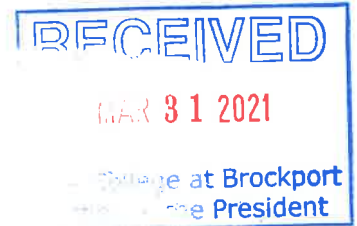
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**Resolution # 22 2020-21
College Senate**

Supersedes Resolution #

To: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
From: Cathy Houston-Wilson, College Senate President
Re:



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

SUBJ: 187-01-1 Shared Govern. in Times of Extraordinary Challenge (#³⁶~~37~~ 20-21 UFS)

Signed: Cathy Houston-Wilson Date: 3/31/21
(Dr. Cathy Houston-Wilson, 2020-2021 College Senate President)

Implementation of resolution requires final approval from:

SUNY Yes No NYS Dept of Education Yes No

Signed: Eileen Daniel Date: 4-1-21
(Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, SUNY Brockport)

Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice below)

- a. Accepted
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation.

Signed: Heidi Macpherson Date: 5/1/2021
(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President, SUNY Brockport)

Implementation Effective Date: _____

DISTRIBUTION:

The College Senate President will forward the signed resolution to the Vice Provost for determination as to whether the implementation of the resolution requires final approval from SUNY and/or the State Education Dept. The Vice Provost will then sign and forward the resolution with that designation to the College President. Upon approval, the College President will forward the resolution to an Administrative Assistant who will distribute the final resolution to the Senate Office. The Senate Office will scan the resolution and send to the Coordinator of Digital Commons where it will be posted to https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/senate_resolutions/

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**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: January 31

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Complete this cover page. Email it along with all relevant files (individual .docx or .pdf files) to senate@brockport.edu. Your proposal will be made into an ADA compliant PDF, will receive page numbering and a routing number, and will be forwarded onto the appropriate committee chair(s).

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| Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i> | 36_20-21UFS |
| This Proposal Replaces Resolution | |
| Revision Date(s) | |
| Anticipated Effective Date: | |

Title of Proposal in Title Style

"187-01-1 Shared Governance in These Times of Extraordinary Challenges"

Brief Description of Proposal

This resolution requests that the College Senate endorses the University Faculty Senate resolution that asks system and campus administration work with shared governance bodies when making decisions during challenging times, especially in the areas of health and safety, instructional modality, and budget. UFS VOTE TALLY: For: 43 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 0

Budgetary Resources Needed

N/A

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Data

N/A

Effect on Transfer Students

N/A

Proposer Information

Katherine Clark Walter and John Keiser, SUNY University Faculty Senators

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee | Standing Committee | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies | Senate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies | Passed GED's go to Vice Provost | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies | College President | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies | OTHER | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies | REJECTED -WITHDRAWN | |

NOTES:

WHEREAS the SUNY University Faculty Senate has passed the following resolution:

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS Standard VII of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation (13th Edition, 2015) states that an institution must have “a clearly articulated and transparent governance structure that outlines roles, responsibilities, and accountability for decision making by each constituency, including governing body, administration, faculty, staff and students”; and

WHEREAS SUNY campuses are experiencing extraordinary financial deficits due in large part to the COVID crisis; and

WHEREAS some universities across the U.S. have proposed or implemented elimination of or other changes to academic programs and other cost-cutting measures with little or no shared-governance input, often citing the need to act quickly in response to the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS United University Professions has strongly advocated for monitoring and maintaining healthy campus communities and work environments for faculty, staff, and students in the SUNY system, including proactive measures to minimize spread of the COVID-19 virus, testing requirements to monitor the health of campus communities, and processes for addressing COVID-19 positive employees and students; and

WHEREAS the process for approval of changes in academic programs is a matter of special responsibility of the faculty with guidelines typically contained in faculty bylaws; and

WHEREAS the University Faculty Senate passed Resolution 186-05-1 urging Campus Governance Leaders to ensure that appropriate structures and bylaws are in place to expedite shared governance work during crisis situations;

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNY University Faculty Senate reaffirms that the principles and practices of shared governance apply equally during times of crisis and extraordinary challenges ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY University Faculty Senate reiterates its call that all SUNY campus administrations engage in shared governance on their campuses during this extraordinarily challenging period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY University Faculty Senate strongly recommends that administration consult with campus shared governance representatives as well as other key stakeholders when considering decisions in at least the following three priority areas: in the area of health and safety of faculty, staff and students, the SUNY University Faculty Senate endorses the recommendations of the UUP, commends campus administrations that follow these recommendations, and encourages all campuses to make every effort to protect the health and safety of faculty, staff, and students, and in the area of instruction and instructional modality shifts, the SUNY University Faculty Senate recognizes the strenuous efforts required of faculty and students at this time, acknowledges the challenges of providing and supporting remote instruction, and encourages campus administrations to provide resources for successful remote instruction, and in the area of budgetary deficits and fiscal crises resulting from COVID, the SUNY University Faculty Senate acknowledges the gravity of the financial distress confronting campuses during this crisis, and encourages collaboration across campus units on measures to creatively address financial shortfalls, ensuring that programs are maintained and the needs of faculty, staff, and students are met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY University Faculty Senate requests that the Chancellor encourage campus presidents to engage in consultation and shared-governance practices as they pertain to important

decisions impacting faculty, staff, and students; and Additional Guidance: Potential Areas for Shared Governance Involvement During Crisis Management Health and Safety Potential areas for consultation (samples only and not exhaustive)

- *Consideration of plans to change or remove COVID testing requirements*
- *Consideration of plans to quarantine and feed COVID-positive students*
- *Consideration of plans for contact tracing and reporting*
- *Consideration of plans to provide resources and language to address COVID-related challenges such as mask wearing and enforcement Instruction and Instructional Modality Potential areas for consultation (samples only and not exhaustive)*
- *Consideration of academic freedom and intellectual property*
- *Consideration of the technology needs of faculty and students*
- *Consideration of instructional modality changes and requirements*
- *Consideration of professional development and support of faculty in designing, developing, and delivering courses Budgetary Deficits and Crises Potential areas for consultation (samples only and not exhaustive)*
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brockport College Senate endorse this resolution.

i. <https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/boardoftrustees/SUNY-BOT-Policies-Jan2019.pdf> ii. <https://www.suny.edu/about/shared-governance/>

