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New Resolution:
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TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: *December 8, 2008*

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

SUBJ: **Change in History MA Program** (*routing #13 08-09 GC*)

Signed: *T. M. Rao* Date: *12/12/08*
(Thambraballi M. Rao, 2008-09 College Senate President)

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TO: T.M. Rao, 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: **Fall 2009**
 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: _____

Signed: *J. Halstead* Date: *12/19/08*
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, SUNY College at Brockport)

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RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

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 – each proposal must be submitted as one document:

- Submit only complete proposals. Include support letters from department chair and dean.
- Proposals must be prepared individually in Word format using committee guidelines (guidelines online).
- Fill out this cover page for each proposal and insert it electronically as the front page of your document. (available online at www.brockport.edu/collegesenate)
- Email whole proposal with cover page as one attachment to senate@brockport.edu and facpres@brockport.edu.
- All updates must be resubmitted to the Senate office 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, ie. *Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal* rather than *Graduate Proposal*.

Changing required courses in the History MA program

2. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

HST 691/695 becomes an elective. Students must take a 500-level research-intensive course and at least 18 credits at the 600/700 level. HST 701 Thesis becomes 6 credits. Theses graded A or A- will be bound and placed in the library.

3. **ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Fall 09

4. **SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE PUT A DATE ON ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

<i>First Submission</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>	<i>Updated on</i>
10/15/08	11/19/08		

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

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

Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Planning & Policies	To Committee for approval	10/16/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Committee Chair Sign Here When Passed	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies *	To Executive Committee	11/17/08
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	GED to Vice Provost	Na
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	To Senate	11/24/08, vote 12/8 passed
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	To College President	12/11/08
<small>* follow special Gen Ed procedures for submission of General Education proposals at "How to Submit Proposals" on our Website.</small>	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

**Use routing number and title in all reference to this proposal.

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORY MA

The History Department has voted to approve the following changes in the History MA requirements:

1. All MA students must take at least one 500-level elective that is designated research-intensive.
2. HST 691/695 Research in American/World History is no longer required for all MA students.
3. HST 701 Thesis is 6 credits rather than 3.
4. Students must complete at least 18 credits at the 600/700 level, not including HST 710 Teaching Practicum or TCC 711 Thesis Continuation.
5. Students who earn an A or A- on the thesis will have their theses bound and placed in the library.

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

#13 08-09 GC Changes to History MA Program							
OLD PROGRAM			NEW PROGRAM				
		Credits			Credits (If student takes HST 701 (Thesis))	Credits (If student DOES NOT take HST 701 (Thesis))	Comments
HST 600	Intro to Hist Study	3	HST 600	Intro to Hist Study	3	3	
2 600-level Electives		6	2 600-level Electives		6	6	
3 Electives in major field		9	3 or 4 Electives		9	12	
3 Electives in the minor field		9	3 Electives in the minor field		9	9	
HST 691 or HST 695		3					No longer required. Becomes elective
HST 700 or HST 701	Integrative Essay or Thesis	3	HST 700 or HST 701	Integrative Essay or Thesis (now 6 credits)	6	3	
TOTAL CREDITS		33			33	33	
Other Restrictions							
At least half of the credits must be at 600-level			HST 701 becomes a 6-credit course. At least 18 credits must be at 600-700 level (Excluding HST 710 and HST 711)				
			Must take at least ONE 500-level elective "research intensive" course. This is a new requirement.				

Effects of these changes

- The majority of MA students take HST 700 Integrative Essay (3 credits) as their capstone experience. These students would have an extra elective, which could be HST 691/695 or another course.
- Students who write a thesis, which requires a 3.67 GPA and faculty permission, almost always already use HST 691/695 to prepare for the thesis. They would get 6 credits for the thesis instead.

Rationale

- Students improve their primary research skills in a 500-level research-intensive course.
- Students who choose HST 700 Integrative Essay do not need the extra time on research (691/695). Many are teachers who are better served by taking an extra elective course in a subject they teach.
- The extra time required to write a thesis is rewarded with more credit compared with the comprehensive essay.

- Since HST 691/695 is done as a directed study with an individual faculty member, the current requirement puts considerable strain on faculty. The MA program has 84 students and at present each has to take at a minimum two independent/directed studies.
- The department has changed from grading theses as S/U to giving them a letter grade. We would like to keep the standard of published theses available outside the College high, and reward excellent work with a privilege.

Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 10:13:15 -0400

From: "Susan Stites-Doe" <sstites@brockport.edu>

Subject: RE: Changes in the History MA

To: <jlloyd@brockport.edu>

Dear Professor Lloyd:

I am in support of the proposed changes to the History MA program. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any assistance in communicating the importance of this degree to our students and to the campus.

Best wishes,

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Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2008 11:53:54 -0400

From: "Stuart Appelle" <sappelle@brockport.edu>

Subject: FW: Changes in the History MA

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Cc: <mmartin@brockport.edu>,"Susan Stites-Doe" <sstites@brockport.edu>

I approve the attached proposal.

Stuart Appelle, Ph.D.

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