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**Resolution # 34 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: Resolution on College's Financial Challenges (#65_20-21 EC)

Signed: Cathy Houston-Wilson Date: 5/12/21
(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: [Signature] Date: 5-25-21
(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: [Signature] Date: 6/21/2021
(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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RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE
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Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i>	65_20-21EC
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	
Revision Date(s)	
Anticipated Effective	

Title of Proposal in Title Style

Brief Description of Proposal

Resolution on The College's Current Financial Challenges

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Budgetary Resources Needed

NA

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Data

NA

Effect on Transfer Students

NA

Proposer Information

Executive Committee College Senate – senate@brockport.edu

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Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Engagement & Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	
<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:

SUNY Brockport
Executive Committee of College Senate

Resolution on The College's Current Financial Challenges

The College Senate celebrates staff, faculty, and administrators for their hard work and incredible commitment to students and SUNY Brockport's educational mission during this exceptional period, and it recognizes that the College's financial challenges, linked to enrollment decline and uncertain New York State funding, have been magnified by the covid-19 pandemic.

Rationale

Whereas SUNY Brockport's budget situation is presently difficult but also uncertain and subject to change due to:

- ongoing campus savings from fiscal management (which helped build an extra \$20 million in reserves between 2015-20);
- federal allocations to the College (e.g., specifically the institutional aid that is a subset of the \$8 million from the 2020 Cares Act, \$12.4 million from the 2020 stimulus bill, and \$21.7 million from the 2021 stimulus bill);
- SUNY funding in the 2021 New York State budget;
- and unpredictable post-Covid enrollment trends and SUNY tuition policy; and

Whereas SUNY Brockport faculty and staff strive continuously to ensure the College is an outstanding educational institution dedicated to:

- student learning and success;
- equity, diversity and inclusion;
- excellence in scholarship and creative activity and in professional innovation and development;
- support and encouragement for a rich, comprehensive portfolio of liberal-arts and professional programs; and

Whereas SUNY Brockport faculty and staff are concerned about cuts to programs and personnel, based on uncertain enrollment and financial conditions, which could adversely affect our educational core and comprehensive portfolio; and

Whereas there is genuine concern that such cuts could undermine the College's reputation, financial wellbeing, and ability to offer students quality, broad-based education; and

Whereas meaningful shared governance between administration and faculty and staff through the College Senate leads to better institutional decision-making and essential cooperation among college stakeholders and is:

- enshrined in SUNY Brockport's Statement on Shared Governance (2018);
- essential to achieving all four goals of SUNY Brockport's strategic plan (2017-22);
- and consistent with shared governance policies and statements of the SUNY Board of Trustees, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and American Association of University Professors;

Resolution:

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the College Senate requests that President Macpherson and her cabinet members or designees continue to present to faculty and staff, in an ongoing basis through the College Senate:

- comprehensive data on enrollment and financial patterns and projections;
- updates on the College's admissions and enrollment management strategies;
- impact of federal allocations, New York State funding, and SUNY tuition policy on the College's financial condition;
- and how the College's accrued reserves and ongoing fiscal management strategies are influencing SUNY Brockport's financial outlook; and

Be It Further Resolved that the College Senate Leadership Team (President, President-Elect and Past-President) work with College administration in an active shared-governance role in reviewing current enrollment and financial data as well as enrollment and financial projections and convey that data and projections to faculty and staff through College Senate, and

Be It Further Resolved that College Senate Leadership communicate relevant concerns of faculty and staff to administration; and

Be It Further Resolved that the College Senate urges the College administration to make strategic decisions based on clear evidence of long-term enrollment and financial trends; and

Be It Further Resolved that the College support its goal "To Be a Sustainable Institution for the 21st Century" by:

- demonstrating the College's commitment to equity by sharing the impact of potential budget cuts among administrators as well as faculty and staff;
- protecting the integrity of our rich and diverse general education and academic programs;
- supporting the active scholarship that enables professors to provide exceptional learning opportunities which can improve student retention and boost College reputation;
- and continuing the ongoing efforts to reduce campus expenditures, rather than adjustments to College personnel and programs.

