Resolution #18
1980-1981

TO: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN
FROM: THE FACULTY SENATE
RE: Multidisciplinary Minor in Gerontology

Meeting on 3/23/81

Date Sent 3/24/81

Lynn H. Parsons, President, Faculty Senate

TO: THE FACULTY SENATE
FROM: PRESIDENT ALBERT W. BROWN
RE: Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution

a. Accepted. Effective Date 4-8-81

b. Referred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on

c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II. III. a. Received and acknowledged
b. Comment: Approved in principle to

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents:

Others as identified:

Distribution Date: 4/10/81

Signed: (President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate:____
February 23, 1981

TO: Dr. Ken O'Brien, Chair, Faculty Senate Undergraduate Policies Committee
FROM: James D. Jones, Chair, Sociology
RE: Gerontology Minor

Attached is the revised proposal for a minor in Gerontology. The issues raised by the Committee have been addressed in the proposal. A list of agencies willing to have students complete their field experience and course descriptions are attached to the proposal.

The Chairpersons of all the Departments offering courses required for the minor have affirmed their continued commitment verbally. They have also indicated when these courses would be offered. Specifically, Social Gerontology, Psychology of Aging and Sociology of Aging will all be offered in the Fall of 1981 and Biology of Aging will be offered in the Spring of 1982.

The Departments offering electives for the minor have been asked to respond to me verbally if their original commitment has changed. To date no changes have been received.

When speaking to the Committee in December I had indicated that SWO 376 Social Gerontology should be a prerequisite for the other required courses. However, after further consultation with others teaching courses in this proposed minor I have not been able to justify such a requirement academically and it would be extremely difficult to monitor. Therefore, SWO 376 is not a prerequisite for the remaining required courses. But prerequisites for any of the courses specified by participating Departments will be in effect.

In conclusion, I think the revisions suggested by the Committee were valid. Further, the request to revise and re-submit the proposal gave me the opportunity to firm up the relationships among participating Departments. If you have any further questions I will be glad to help.

JDO:gc
Attachments
xc: Walter Boston
Susan Reed
PROPOSAL FOR A MULTIDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN GERONTOLOGY

I. Rationale

America has suddenly become aware of the presence of over 22 million persons over 65 years of age in the general population. A recent White House Conference on Aging served to focus national attention on this social phenomenon and gave great impetus to the involvement of state and federal governments in the problems of the older citizens. Higher education has responded by initiating institutional research and with teaching aimed at: 1) helping to solve some of the problems related to aging and 2) to provide trained personnel to work with older citizens. By the year 2000, 15% of the population will be over 65; in the City of Rochester 20% of the population is over 65 at this time.

To respond to this large segment of the population and the concomitant enlarged service personnel, the State University College at Brockport proposes to develop a multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology. This minor, multidisciplinary in design, will provide an opportunity for study in many academic departments of the college in order to provide the skills and the information necessary to live and work in a society coming of age. Both the older person who wishes to understand and improve himself and the undergraduate who is expecting to work with older persons as a chosen career have a need for academic knowledge in Gerontology. This minor that will supplement formal training in other academic fields will enable the students to develop an expertise that will increase their employability. Your attention is directed to inventory of related occupations* as identified by persons enrolled in classes during July 1979 at the All-University Gerontology Center at Syracuse University.

Contacts made to the Regional and County Office of the Aging indicate a high level of professional interest in and an affirmation of the need for gerontological education at the college level.

*The following professions were represented at the All-University Gerontology Summer credit and non-credit summer program at Syracuse University, June 1979:

- Director of Counseling
- Senior Community Field Worker
- Senior Research Coordinator
- Senior Center Coordinator
- Regional Director of Office of Aging
- Director of Senior Services
- Director of Human Resources
- Senior Center Director
- Social Work Assistant
- Assistant Director of Nursing
- Head Nurse
- College Students
- Staff Nurse
- Geriatric Specialists
- Coordinator of Resident Care

- Director of Geriatric Services
- Social Worker
- Assistant Professor of Anthropology
- Program Coordinator
- Community Center Supervisor
- Senior Community Research Coordinator
- Manual Arts Therapists
- Case Worker
- Group Workers (Seniors)
- Registered Nurse
- Social Services for Local Geriatric Center
- Public Health Nurse
- Community Mental Health Worker
- Senior Center Coordinator
Multidisciplinary Minor in Gerontology

Rehabilitation Counselor
Senior Center Director
Executive Director of Senior Housing
Social Worker for the Aging
Professor of Philosophy

Other professional people who have requested education in Gerontology are:

- Speech pathologists
- Audiologists
- Psychologists
- Theologians
- Recreation directors

II. Structure of Program

The structure of this minor is based on data gathered from educational institutions where a multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology is in place and from evaluations of existing and proposed courses at Brockport.

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Field Experience* (This will be served through existing facilities now used by Health Science and Recreation and Leisure Depts.) 3

Elective from list below 3

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<td>WHE Physical Activity &amp; the Aging Process</td>
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<td>HST 366 Exploration in the History of Death</td>
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*This field experience could be waived if the student has completed field experience required for another major, provided it is appropriately related to the field of gerontology.
III. Administration of Program

This minor will be administered through the Chair of the Department of Sociology, reporting to the Deans of Social Professions and Social Behavioral Sciences. The Chair of Sociology, in consultation with the appropriate unit-heads, will appoint a Coordinating Committee to oversee the Program and appoint an advisor for the Program. The Committee will be composed of representatives of various departments participating in the Program.

The Coordinator of Field Services in the Department of Health Science and Recreation and Leisure will be responsible for supervision of the field experience, including site selection and field supervision.

IV. Projected Implementation of Plan

The multidisciplinary minor in Gerontology should be accepted as part of the curriculum and in place by September 1981.

V. Funding

It is recommended that the development of a major in Gerontology be started at this time. A request has been made to the Director of Sponsored Research and Contract Administration asking that a search be made for sources for funding for an eventual major in Gerontology.
GERONTOLOGY MINOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SWO 375 Social Gerontology

The older person is an evolving person; bio-psycho-social elements of the aging process; major issues relating to the aging process; the older person, and the society in which they live; compare the needs of the older person with the service system's program; methods of intervention specifically needed for the older person. 3 semester hours

BIO 317 Biology of Aging

An introduction to the study of aging in the human and in a number of other animals at the molecular, cell, tissue and organ level, in order to understand what is meant by aging and how it is measured. The study will include the effects of genetic composition, sex differences, and other factors. 3 semester hours

PSH 435 Psychology of Aging

Applications of scientific methods and research in personality and social processes after age 65; age related physiological and behavioral changes; stress and adjustment demands of old age; death and dying. 3 semester hours

SOC 465 Sociology of Aging

Conceptualizations about aging; forces that shape the character of aging in combination with physical and psychological events. 3 semester hours

HLS 311 Nutrition

Nutritional concepts as related to nutrients, diet control, and specific nutritional problems and consumerism; basic nutritional concepts and application to personal nutritional status; analyze a current nutritional problem or issue; identify nutritional resources. 3 semester hours

EDC 301 Introduction to Counseling

The philosophical basis of counseling. Students identify and understand five counseling theories, five interpersonal skills, and demonstrate basic competence in interpersonal relations. 3 semester hours

SPH 493 Seminar in Communication Disorders

Provide rehabilitation for the communicatively handicapped by identifying and evaluating speech-language disorders; provide the management strategies for remediation of disorders. 3 semester hours

REL 406 Leisure and Aging

Various aspects of aging as they relate to leisure in contemporary society; leisure needs of younger adults, services for elderly; leisure pursuits in the sub-culture of the aging. 3 semester hours
PHIL 332 Death and Dying

A critical examination of competing answers to controversial philosophical issues surrounding death and dying. Topics such as the following will be considered: defining death, the morality and rationality of suicide, euthanasia, ethical problems of pain alleviation, and the rights of the terminally ill. 3 semester hours.

AAS 314 Black Family

Socio-cultural, political, and economic conditions which afflict Black family life; confront the "pejorative tradition" as the primary motility for examining Black family life; the African antecedents and continuities which have influenced the Black family in the U.S. 3 semester hours.

HST 360 Exploration in the History of Death

An examination of the phenomenon of death in ancient and modern civilizations which traces the evolution of traditional death systems and of contemporary attitudes toward death. Identifies the problems and possibilities of individuals facing death and the various mechanisms of adjustment which aid survivors. 3 semester hours.
LIST OF POTENTIAL SITES FOR
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE FOR
GERONTOLOGY MINORS
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<td>Monroe Community Hospital</td>
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NURSING HOME FACILITIES

The Shire at Culverton
2415 Culver Road
367-4544

Wedgebrook Home
5 Church St.
Spencerport, NY
352-0310

Westgate
505 Beaham Road
247-7880

West Side Manor
1404 Long Road Road
225-7210

Woodside Manor
2425 Clinton Ave. S.
275-0370
NUTRITION CENTERS

Southwest Center
855 South Ave.
Rochester, NY

Southwest Center
540 Clarissa St.
Rochester, NY

Northeast Center
700 North Street
Rochester, NY

Northeast Center
506 Jay Street
Rochester, NY

Northwest Center 1
385 Emerson St.
Rochester, NY

Northwest Center II
168 S. Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY

Garson Aver Center
471 Upper Falls Blvd.
Rochester, NY

Eastside Community
145 Parsells Ave.
Rochester, NY

St. Michael's Center
343 Clifford Ave.
Rochester, NY

Charlotte Center
4488 Hone Ave.
Rochester, NY

Greece Center
3000 Dewey Ave.
Rochester, NY

Eastern Monroe Center
119 W. Elm St.
East Rochester, NY

Western Monroe Center
35 State Street
Brockport, NY

Wheatland Center
Wheatland-Chili H.S.
Scottsville, NY 14545

Ogden Center
260 S. Union St.
Spencerport, NY 14559

Webster Center
170 Webster Drive
Webster, NY

Pinegrove Center
154 Pinegrove Ave.
Irondequoit, NY

Monroe Center (Proposed)
243 Rosedale
Rochester, NY
Senior Centers

Jewish Community Center
1260 Edgewood Ave.
Rochester, NY 14618
469-2000

Dunn Tower Senior Citizens
Dunn Tower
100 Dunn Tower Dr.
Rochester, NY 14605
456-8365

Pittsford, Town of
East Rochester, Village of

East Rochester Senior Citizens
East Rochester Senior Center
120 West Commercial St.
East Rochester, NY 14445
385-3643

Danforth Recreation Center
200 West Ave.
Rochester, NY 14611
42806746

Foster Grandparents
Lewis St. Center
57 Lewis St.
Rochester, NY 14605
546-3230

Garson Meyer Downtown Senior Center
168 South Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604
454-3324

Montgomery Center Senior Citizens
10 Cady St.
Rochester, NY 14608
436-3090

Region Council on Aging
168 S. Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604
454-3224

Westfall Senior Citizens
Parks Department Building
375 Westfall Rd.
Rochester, NY 14620
442-6350