Resolution #36, 1984-85

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate

Meeting on May 6, 1985

RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Probation and Dismissal Policy for Non-Matriculated Undergraduate Students

(see attached)

Signed: Date Sent 5/8/85

(For the Senate)

To: The Faculty Senate

From: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date 8/5 85
   b. Deferred 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:

Distribution: Vice Presidents: (see attached list)

Others:

Distribution Date: 5/17/85

(For President of the College)

Signed: (President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate:
PROPOSED PROBATION AND DISMISSAL POLICY
FOR NON-MATRICULATED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. PROBATION

Non-matriculated students who have attempted less than 24 credit hours at Brockport and who earn a cumulative index below 2.00 will be placed on academic probation. These students will remain on probation until the cumulative index is raised to 2.00 or above.

RATIONALE:
All non-matriculated students, in effect, are on probation, i.e., they have not been admitted to the College. An informational mailing would be a means to encourage students with a cumulative average below 2.00 to seek academic help and to notify them of the conditions under which they may continue to enroll in courses at the College.

IMPLEMENTATION:
The Division of Adult and Continuing Education will review the semester grades and send out the informational mailing to non-matriculated students who have attempted less than 24 credit hours and have a cumulative average below 2.00.

2. DISMISSAL

For non-matriculated students who have attempted 24 or more credit hours at Brockport and have a cumulative index below 2.00, the same conditions of probation and dismissal apply as for matriculated undergraduates.

RATIONALE:
In order to give the non-matriculated student any opportunity to become established academically, the 14 hour limit has been selected because it is equivalent to two semesters of full-time study. Analysis of continuing education enrollments indicates that non-matriculants who accumulate 24 or more hours tend to be pursuing a degree program. Therefore, it seems reasonable that the same conditions of probation and good academic standing should apply to both non-matriculated and matriculated students.

IMPLEMENTATION:
Records will be reviewed and notification of dismissal will be sent out by the Office of Academic Advisement.

3. READMISSION AFTER ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

The non-matriculated student who has been dismissed from the College for academic reasons may apply for readmission to the College provided a minimum of two academic semesters has elapsed since dismissal, and provided he/she has completed six semester hours of college-level courses at another institution or demonstrated an equivalent level of readiness for
successful college work since dismissal. All applications will be evaluated
by the Committee on Admissions. Those students whose the Committee on
Admissions determines to be eligible will be readmitted to the College. They
will be admitted without a cumulative index:
Semester Hours Credit for only those courses in which A, B, C, D,
and S grades were earned prior to academic dismissal will count toward
the 120 semester hours required for the Baccalaureate Degree.

RATIONALE:
Under existing College policy, non-matriculated students carry all
grades and the cumulative index with them when they matriculate. It
is difficult, if not impossible, for dismissed and re-admitted students
to raise their index to 2.0 within two semesters or 24 credit hours.
Matriculated students who are readmitted after academic dismissal
return to the College under the conditions outlined in 3 above, and
thus, have a "second chance" to achieve.

While it may seem foreign to college practice to formally admit former
non-matriculated students, it is more logical and academically sound
then allowing them to re-register as non-matriculated students. Non-
matriculated students who have been dismissed and are readmitted resemble
the traditional matriculated undergraduate population; they are pursuing
a degree. As such, those that are deemed acceptable for readmission
should be treated and served as degree candidates.

NOTES:

1. If this policy were in effect at the end of the fall, 1983 semester, 12 or
3.52% of the non-matriculated students would have been dismissed out of
340. (The Advisement Office received grade reports for 340 students. The
Office of Analytic Studies has 434 students on record as non-matriculated.)
The difference includes high school interfacing students. Fifty-seven or
16.7% would have received "warning letters."

1. The College dismissed 91 of 1.6% of 5,609 matriculated undergraduates and
placed 875 or 15% on academic probation.