Resolution # 23

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: May 6, 1996

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

SUBJ: Resolution on the New Guidelines for Faculty Teaching Loads
       (attached)

Signed: _____________________ Date Sent: 5/6/96
       (Faculty Senate President)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering.

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date: _________
   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: Pension Public Employees Relations Board

DISTRIBUTION:

Distribution Date: 6/1/96 Signed: _____________________
                    (President of the College)
RESOLUTION ON THE NEW GUIDELINES FOR FACULTY TEACHING LOADS

WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 15, PRESIDENT VAN DE WETERING, IN THE FACE OF REAL FISCAL NEEDS IMPOSED BY THE PROJECTED SUNY BUDGET, ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES THAT HAVE INCREASED THE FACULTY TEACHING LOAD SUBSTANTIALLY FOR THE FALL 1996 TERM, AND

WHEREAS, THESE GUIDELINES WERE ISSUED WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE FACULTY SENATE, ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TEACHING FACULTY, RESULTING IN NO OPPORTUNITY FOR CAMPUS-WIDE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH MIGHT HAVE YIELDED ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SECURING THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL SAVINGS, AND

WHEREAS, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THIS CHANGE IN TEACHING LOAD WILL DAMAGE ACADEMIC QUALITY, WITH A REDUCED USE OF ESSAY EXAMINATIONS AND PAPERS, AS WELL AS LESS TIME FOR CLASS PREPARATION, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, SCHOLARSHIP, AND NECESSARY CAMPUS SERVICE.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT UNDERSTANDS THE CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS TO BE OF A TEMPORARY NATURE -- DICTATED BY THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS -- AND HENCE FULLY EXPECTS A RESTORATION OF BROCKPORT’S TRADITIONAL LOAD AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.