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FACULTY SENATE

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TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President:

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: March 8, 2004

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

SUBJ: Education: 33 Hour M.S. in Childhood Education

Signed: ____________________________ Date: 3/8/04
(Dr. Kenneth O'Brien, 2002-2004 Faculty Senate President)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President:

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle)
   a. Accepted: Effective Date: __/__/____
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __/__/____
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTED TO: President's Staff
                  Deans Council

Distribution Date: 4-5-04

Signed: ____________________________ Date: 4-5-04
(Dr. Paul Yu, President, SUNY College at Brockport)
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MARCH 1** - Proposals received after March 1 may not be reviewed until next semester.

Submit all proposals to the Faculty Senate President electronically or on a disk with a hard copy. Please provide cover page information requested. facprez@brockport.edu, fsenate@brockport.edu

Faculty Senate Office, 426 Allen Building

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**1. PROPOSAL TITLE:**
Please be somewhat descriptive, for example, Graduate Probation/Dismissal Proposal rather than Graduate Proposal.

| 33-Hour Master of Science Degree in Education: Childhood Education |

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**
The revised 33-Hour program is intended to make it possible for elementary teachers in grades 1-6 to complete the requirements for the professional certificate.

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**3. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES:** PLEASE DATE ALL UPDATED DOCUMENTS and resubmit to the Senate Office electronically prior to Senate review and vote at fsenate@brockport.edu.

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**5. COMMITTEES TO COPY: (Senate office use only)**

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*(ROUTING NUMBER WILL BE A CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER SEQUENCE FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE INITIALS)*
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<th><strong>Current Elementary Education Program</strong></th>
<th><strong>Revised Childhood Education Program</strong></th>
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<td>No central framework for the program.</td>
<td>This program is intended to embrace the unit theoretical framework, which is based in social constructivism, by incorporating the framework into courses.</td>
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<td>Work on project/thesis began in EDI 703 but was rarely completed until 1-2 semesters after the course ended. In some instances, this was where students were ‘lost’ and had trouble completing the program.</td>
<td>Students will begin working on their project/thesis at the 18-hour point in the program. The goal is that students will complete the project by the end of EDI 703. There are two reasons for making this change. The first is that students will be thinking about their project/thesis as they are involved in doing other coursework. This should help them link their project/thesis to what they are learning in the program. The other reason is that students should be able to finish in a more timely fashion, as they do in the Secondary Science graduate program, which provides the model for this program. This should help in two ways. It frees up space in order to accept more qualified applicants. It also ensures that our program supports graduate students who are working toward professional certification in a timely fashion.</td>
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<td>No course on Educational Research; EDI 603 Educational Measurement and Evaluation is the most similar.</td>
<td>EDI 603 Educational Measurement and Evaluation has been moved to the breadth category. EDI 600 Understanding Educational Research (3 cr.) has been added to help students have more of a research-based understanding of learning and teaching. The focus will be on qualitative and quantitative research in education through examination of action research that pertains to their own teaching and their action research interests. Students will do an action research project related to the course. Students will formulate their own action research question for possible use with their project/thesis and develop a literature review for the question.</td>
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M.S. in CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (33 credits) Childhood Curriculum Specialist (grades 1 - 6)
This specialization within the Childhood Education program meets the degree requirements for NYS Professional 1-6 certification.

I. Prerequisites
1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
2. Valid NYS provisional (Pre-K-6) or initial (1 – 6) Childhood certification

II. Required Courses

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<td>EDI 600 Understanding Educational Research</td>
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<td>EDI 703 Seminar in Childhood Education</td>
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2. Curriculum Concentration 12-15

At least one course in each of the following areas:
(slected with advisement)

- a) science or teaching of science 3
- b) mathematics or teaching of mathematics 3
- c) language arts or teaching of language arts 3
- d) social science or teaching of social studies 3

3. Breadth Courses (selected with advisement) 6-9

4. Elective 3

Minimum Total: 33

NOTE: Two courses in the program must carry liberal arts (A) designation.
January 22, 2004

President
Faculty Senate
SUNY College at Brockport

Dear Mr. President:

We are required by The State Department of Education to submit revised 33-hour Master of Science Degree programs for professional certification in the following areas:

- Childhood Education
- Childhood Education with Bilingual Extension (30-Hour Master’s Degree Program)
- Adolescence Education, including English Education, Mathematics Education, Science Education, and Social Studies Education.

The proposals that we are submitting to the Faculty Senate contain minor revisions and, basically, are the same programs that currently exist, with three exceptions: a new course in English Education, a new course in Childhood Education, and a new course in Bilingual (Spanish). All other courses are exactly the same.

Please find in the packet of proposals the following:

1. Completed Faculty Senate Proposal Covers for each of the above-mentioned programs.
2. Side-by-Side Comparisons of old and new programs.
3. Rationale for the changes.
4. Evidence of demand for the new focus or emphasis.
5. Potential clientele.
6. Description of new courses.
7. Staffing issues.
8. Academic Administration commentary.
9. Resources and facilities needed to initiate the programs.
10. Competition from other Rochester area colleges.

Sincerely,

William R. Veenis, Jr.
Interim Chairperson
**Additional Information and Explanations**

**Faculty Senate Proposal Cover Letter**

Included in proposal packet.

**Side-by-Side Comparisons of the Old and New Programs**

Included in proposal packet.

**Rationale for Changes**

The only changes to the programs are the three courses, EDI 678 Issues in English Education, EDI 600 Understanding Educational Research, and EDI 6XX Bilingual Methods of Teaching Content Areas. Two of these courses were added so that the English Education and Childhood programs could, like the other MS Education programs, have courses that are pre-requisites for EDI 791 and EDI 703, the culminating project/thesis courses. A 50-hour practicum experience will now be required for students in the Bilingual (Spanish) program.

**Evidence of Demand for the New Emphasis or Focus**

Graduate students find it difficult to complete the project or thesis in a timely manner. Part of their problem is that they haven’t given much thought to the subject of their project or thesis until the day that they register for the course. The pre-requisite course is intended to have them start thinking about and doing some preliminary research on a topic of interest.

**Potential Clientele**

These would be the same as they have always been: Teachers who must complete the master’s degree as one requirement for professional certification.

**Description of New Courses**

**EDI 678 Issues in English Education:** Examines contemporary instructional, curricular, and assessment issues. Combines theory and practice in a manner designed to lead students toward formulating their culminating master’s projects or theses. 3 Credits.

**EDI 600 Understanding Educational Research**

Students will learn about qualitative and quantitative methods of doing research in education and will examine action research. Students will learn about qualitative and quantitative research in education through examination of action research that pertains to their own teaching and their action research interests. As a component of each course, students will do an action research project related to their discipline. Students will formulate their own action research question for possible use with their project/thesis and develop a literature review for the question, including an evaluation of the research they are reading. 3 Cr.

**EDI 6## Bilingual Methods of Teaching Content Areas**
Must include a 50-hour practicum experience. Suggested that students rotate through classrooms teaching lessons in the 4 primary content areas of Childhood Education. Optional practicum is now required. Course will be developed.

Staffing Issues

Full-time and part-time faculty, as they have always been, will staff the courses. The pre-requisite and culminating courses will be staffed with full-time faculty. No additional staffing is needed.

Academic Administration Commentary

Letter of Review/Comment from the Chair – Included in the proposal packet.
Letter of Review/Comment from the Dean of the School of Professions – Included in the proposal packet.

Letters of Support from Cooperating Departments

Because the revisions to the proposed programs are considered minor, no letters of support have been requested. Students would still have to satisfactorily complete 12-15 credits in their major or relevant liberal arts discipline.

Competition from other Rochester Area Colleges

Many more graduate students apply to Brockport’s MS Certification Programs than are always accepted. We traditionally matriculate between forty and fifty graduate students for each of the two registration periods every year. There is no evidence that anything would change.