TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President

FROM: The College Senate: 4/8/2014

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

SUBJ: New Policy for Recreation and Leisure Studies Minors (33_13-14UC)

Signed: ____________________________ Date: 4/19/14
(Dawn Jones, 2013-14 College Senate President)

TO: Dawn Jones, College Senate President

FROM: John R. Halstead, College President

RE:  
I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
    a. Accepted - Implementation Effective Date**: Fall 2014
    **Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department. ___YES ___NO
    b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/____
    c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. Response to Recommendation or Other/FYI
    a. Received and acknowledged ___/___/____
    b. Comment:

Signed: ____________________________ Date: 4/21/14
(Dr. John R. Halstead, President, The College at Brockport)

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COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 28
Incomplete proposals will be returned and proposals received after the deadline may not be reviewed until next semester.

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use committee guidelines available at brockport.edu/collegesenate/proposal.html.
- Prepare ONE complete document in Word format: include this proposal cover page, proposal, attachments and support letters from your department chair and dean if applicable.
- Locate the Resolution # and date this proposal will replace at our “Approved Resolutions” page on our Web site.
- Email completed proposal to senate@brockport.edu. (General Education Proposals and questions go to dlamphron@brockport.edu in the Vice Provost’s Office first.)
- Make revisions on the paperwork emailed to you from the Senate office that shows the assigned routing number on top.
- Submit updated document to senate@brockport.edu.
- Questions? Call the Senate office at 395-2586 or the appropriate committee chairperson.

1. PROPOSAL TITLE: Please be somewhat descriptive, i.e. Use a course number and/or title, indicate if for GED code, etc. New Policy for Recreation and Leisure Studies Minors

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
REL minors are required to obtain a passing grade of “C” or better in all REL designated courses.

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? ___ NO  ___ YES
Explain YES

4. DESCRIBE ANY DATA RELATED TO STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT USED AS PART OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE REQUESTED SENATE ACTION.
Currently those students seeking a minor in Recreation and Leisure Studies are not held to a grade policy like the majors in the program are. Minors share classes with majors and are a part of assessment data collection.

5. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS: Only if they are minors.

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2014

7. SUBMISSION & REVISION DATES: PLEASE DATE ALL REVISED DOCUMENTS TO AVOID CONFUSION.

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8. SUBMITTED BY: (contact person)
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9. COMMITTEES: (Senate office use only)

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NOTES:
1. The REL program for minors is 18 credits as follows:

   REL 302    Leisure and the Individual and Society  
   REL 308    Recreation Programming and Leadership  
   REL 312    Management of Recreation and Leisure Services  
   REL 307    Applied Studies in Recreation and Leisure  
   and two electives as approved by advisement

2. Rationale

   All students majoring in recreation and leisure studies must earn a grade of “C” or better in REL core courses and the REL concentration courses in order to satisfactorily complete the REL major and be eligible for REL 403: Practicum.

   This is an existing policy.

   Proposal:

   Currently those students seeking a minor in Recreation and Leisure Studies are not held to a grade policy like the majors in the program are. The department is requesting the following policy be set in place for minors:

   “All students minoring in recreation and leisure studies must earn a grade of “C” or better in REL courses in order to successfully receive the minor.”

   Reasoning:

   The department strongly feels that minors should be upheld to the same degree of standards as majors in terms of course grades. We maintain 60 declared REL minors yearly.

3. There are no new courses, no staffing issues, and no additional resources.
To: College Senate

From: Lynda Cochran, Chair, Recreation and Leisure Studies

Date: February 13, 2014

Re: REL grade policy for declared minors

I strongly endorse this policy by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. The faculty has given great consideration to the quality standards upheld by both our majors and minors. This policy will align the two.

I look forward to full support of the College Senate for this policy implementation.

Thank you.
To: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
   College Senate

From: Francis X. Short, Dean
      School of Health & Human Performance

Date: February 18, 2014

Subj.: Grade Requirement in Academic Minor
       Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies

Please accept this brief memo in support of the proposal to require students minoring in recreation to obtain a grade of C or better in all courses taken in the curriculum. The proposal seems reasonable inasmuch as the C or better policy currently exists for all students majoring in recreation. The notion that “minor students” are held to the same performance expectations as “major students” while taking the same classes in these programs sends, I think, an appropriate message about rigor and may impact positively course-based assessments when all students know they are being held to a higher, and consistently applied, standard.

Inasmuch as this change a) will provide a consistent performance expectation for all students pursuing course work in Recreation and Leisure Studies and b) does not require additional financial resources to implement, I support the proposal without reservation. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for the consideration.