Resolution #33 2014-2015
College Senate

Supersedes Res #: 

TO: Dr. John R. Halstead, College President
FROM: The College Senate: 05/04/2015

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

SUBJ: Graduate Academic Clemency policy (#46_14-15GC-SP)

Signed: Date: 5/4/15
(P. Gibson Ralph, 2014-15 College Senate President)

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TO: P. Ralph Gibson, 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**: Summer 2015
      **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: 6/15
(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 dlamphro@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.

Graduate Academic Clemency policy

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
Establishes criteria and procedures by which a graduate student with <3.0 cumulative graduate GPA can appeal to have up to 9 graduate credits taken at Brockport remain on the transcript but not apply to the student’s cumulative graduate GPA.

3. WILL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AFFECTING BUDGET BE NEEDED? _X_ 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.
N/A

5. HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TRANSFER STUDENTS: N/A

6. ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE DATE: Summer 2015

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

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REJECTED -WITHDRAWN

NOTES: RES #33
POLICY PROPOSAL

GRADUATE ACADEMIC CLEMENCY

A matriculated graduate student may apply for Graduate Academic Clemency so that up to 9 credits of graduate coursework taken at The College at Brockport remain on the student’s transcript but do not apply to the student’s cumulative graduate GPA. A student:

- must have a Brockport cumulative graduate GPA < 3.0 to be eligible for Graduate Academic Clemency;
- can be granted Graduate Academic Clemency one time only;
- can have only enough course grades stricken from the cumulative graduate GPA to return the student to good academic standing.

All coursework stricken from the cumulative graduate GPA through the clemency process do not count towards graduate degree requirements.

A student’s appeal for Graduate Academic Clemency requires the support of the graduate director and chairperson of the student’s degree program as well as the Dean of The Graduate School.

Dematriculated graduate student readmitted to a degree program
A dematriculated student who has not taken courses at Brockport for at least two calendar years may, upon readmission and enrollment, have Graduate Academic Clemency for graduate coursework previously taken at Brockport.

Current matriculated graduate student (case 1)
A current matriculated graduate student may have Graduate Academic Clemency for graduate coursework taken at Brockport, which even with sufficient grade(s) would not fulfill student’s current degree requirements.

Current matriculated graduate student (case 2)
A current matriculated graduate student may have Graduate Academic Clemency for graduate coursework taken at Brockport if:

- That course(s) would have fulfilled degree requirements if student had earned higher grade(s)
- Student subsequently successfully completes and transfers in credits from another institution, which were pre-approved in writing by the department as fulfilling the same degree requirement(s) as that course(s).

Non-matriculated student admitted and enrolled in a graduate degree program
A newly matriculated graduate student may have Graduate Academic Clemency for graduate coursework taken as a non-matriculated student at Brockport, which are not applied by the admitting department to fulfill degree requirements.

POLICY PROPOSAL JUSTIFICATION
This policy is intended to enable qualified, matriculated graduate students, who have support from their graduate director and program chair as well as the Dean of The Graduate School, to have coursework taken at Brockport remain on their transcripts but stricken from their cumulative graduate GPA.
While this policy is intended to help those students be in or be within reach of good academic standing, this policy complements rather than substitutes the Graduate Probation/Return to Good Academic Standing policy (http://www.brockport.edu/policies/docs/academic_standingacademic_probation.pdf). Current matriculated students whose cumulative Brockport graduate GPA < 3.0 because of low grades in degree coursework will need to go through probation to return to good academic standing. Graduate Academic Clemency applies to 4 circumstances that are not addressed through the academic probation process.

This policy proposal is intended to enable dematriculated graduate students with department support to be readmitted and enrolled at Brockport (currently they might have to go elsewhere instead of Brockport) or current/new matriculated graduate students to progress effectively towards graduation.

The policy proposal has been closely reviewed in its evolving stages by all members of the Graduate Council and by the school deans. It aligns with a similar Brockport undergraduate policy and has parallels with policy at many other graduate institutions.