

*CSA Senate Resolution Regarding Graduation Requirements*

Whereas, the Education and Curriculum Committee (ECC), in conjunction with the Faculty of the College, has been charged with formulating the educational policy of Carleton College, and

Whereas, the ECC has spent a year reviewing the academic curriculum and graduation requirements, and

Whereas, the ECC presented their proposed changes to the academic curriculum and graduation requirements to the Faculty of the College on January 26, 2009, and

Whereas, the graduation requirements substantively affect every single Carleton student, and

Whereas, the Carleton Student Association Senate is the official representative body for the students of Carleton College; NOW BE IT

*Resolved, (1)* That the Carleton Student Association (CSA) Senate commends the ECC for their hard work and dedication, especially the student members of the committee: Ariel Vande-Voorde, Paul Ellebrecht, R. Orion Martin, Hannah Weinstein and Cat McMurtry; and

*Resolved, (2)* The CSA Senate endorses the following changes to the graduation requirements:

- a. Eligibility of approved club sports for full Physical Education credit;
- b. Reduction of total required distribution credits, allowing students more academic flexibility;
- c. Shift from academic department oriented study to conceptually oriented study, including the inception of a Lab Science requirement;
- d. Inception of the unified freshman seminar with a focus on research and writing;
- e. Creation of the Quantitative Reasoning, International Studies, and Intercultural Domestic Studies Programs; and

*Resolved, (3)* That the CSA Senate also strongly supports, and asks the Faculty to approve the Inter-Group Relations pilot program and the Presidential Senior Capstone program; and

*Resolved, (4)* That the CSA Senate urges a thorough reevaluation of the Writing Portfolio in upcoming sessions of the ECC, with an aim to make it a more constructive and productive tool for the development of student writing skills; and

*Resolved, (5)* That the CSA Senate President will present this resolution to the Chair of the ECC, the President of the Faculty, the Dean of the College, and request that it be distributed to all relevant parties; and

*Resolved, (6)* That the CSA Senate resolves to stay informed on the progress of these issues before the Faculty.