Resolution 2016-2017-19 Opposition to Replacement of Foreign Language Classes by Computer Coding in Florida High Schools

Whereas, the 2017 Florida Legislature may consider Senate Bill 104, the Computer Coding bill, which would in the academic year 2019-2020 allow high school students to substitute computer coding classes for foreign language classes (2 credits); and

Whereas, currently high school foreign language credits are considered part of the application for undergraduate admissions at UCF; and

Whereas, UCF supports international cooperation, understanding, and partnerships by virtue of President Hitt’s third goal: “Provide international focus to our curricula and research programs;” and

Whereas, UCF seeks to increase international mobility and enhance the university’s global competency by the recent opening of UCF Global; and

Whereas, foreign language study develops a person’s appreciation and understanding of cultures and people across the world; therefore

Be It Resolved that the UCF Faculty Senate opposes the effort to replace foreign language classes with computer coding in Florida high schools.