

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty Senators and Members, ad hoc Committee on General Education

FROM: Ida Cook, Chairman, Faculty Senate

RE: Approval of General Education Program

I am pleased to inform you that I have received confirmation from Vice President Ellis that the Faculty Senate General Education Program has been approved with only minor modifications (see attachment). This marks a renewed opportunity for cooperation between the faculty of UCF and its administration.

May I congratulate you on a job well done and express my appreciation to you for your serious effort and accomplishments.

Attachment

President, Student Government
Dean
Associate Vice President
Faculty Senate Chairman

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. Ida Cook, Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Leslie L. Ellis

RE: General Education Program

DATE: December 2, 1980

I have carefully reviewed the recommended General Education Program passed by the Senate at its October 28 meeting and forwarded to my office on November 10, 1980. I also shared a copy of your recommendation with the President for his review and suggestions. In addition to that, I invited comments from faculty and administration by way of memoranda and the UCF REPORT.

Responses to my invitation were received from 13 faculty and administrators and included a variety of recommendations dealing with all areas of the recommended GEP. There were more comments on Section IB Cultural and Historical Foundations than any other but very little that had not come to the attention of the Committee or the Senate in its debate.

The President and I, after considerable study, have decided to accept the Senate's recommendation on the General Education Program with the following changes:

1. add U.S. History I,II (6hrs) as an option in Section IB1 which would now read: Western Civilization I, II or U.S. History I, II or Humanities I, II.
2. add Earth Sciences as an option in Section IE2 to Biological Science which would now read Biological Science or Earth Science. The Earth Science option can be met with a basic Geology or Physical Geography course.

The Senate recommendation also spoke in general terms concerning administration of the program but did not forward a specific model. We will be reviewing this during the next quarter and will share our thoughts with you.

The Senate and the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education are to be congratulated for their long, difficult, and diligent efforts to develop a General Education Program in the face of a great diversity of philosophical and practical approaches to the subject. Both the President and I feel that the University will now have a much stronger GEP, one in which we can all take pride.

cc: President Colbourn
Associate Vice Presidents
Deans
President, Student Government

