

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 1992**

Dr. Glenn Cunningham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Steering Committee members present were Drs. Biraimah, Cornett, Denning, Everett, Fine, Flick, Gupton, Joels, Malocha, Modani, Pauley, Taylor. Dr. Robert Bryan, Dr. Frank Juge, Dr. Stuart Lillie, and Dr. Frances Smith were also in attendance. Minutes of December 12, 1991, were accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Cunningham stated that he had invited Dr. Smith to attend so that she could address questions on the Curriculum Committee's work on the foreign language issue. Dr. Cunningham indicated that Dr. Flick had developed an alternative proposal. Dr. Cunningham opened the issue for discussion. Debate centered on establishing with clarity the SUS requirements for both Senators and students; the linkage between high school and university foreign language requirements and proficiency; the number of semesters necessary for students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree; articulation with community college; comparisons with other universities in the SUS; staffing of the language courses. After considerable discussion on these issues, and an analysis of Dr. Flick's alternate resolution, it was voted that the resolution put forth by the Curriculum Committee be placed before the Senate with minor revisions. The revised resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-10

Whereas, the State University System requires that all students admitted to the SUS must have completed two years in a single foreign language in high school or the equivalent instruction (eight semester hours) at post-secondary level, and students admitted without the necessary units must satisfy this requirement prior to graduation , *

Whereas, an appreciation of other cultures is important for all university graduates;

Whereas, the implementation of U.C.F.'s foreign language requirement has created a multitude of logistical, financial, and philosophical problems;

Yet, reaffirming the fundamental importance of foreign language as a significant component of cultural awareness for a liberal arts education;

Be it resolved that:

A. All Bachelor of Arts students have a minimum foreign language proficiency equivalent to one college year; and

B. Colleges granting degrees other than the Bachelor of Arts review their curricula, encouraging an appreciation of other cultures.

* Only students who earned an AA degree from a Florida public institution prior to 1987, and those who enrolled in AA degree programs at a Florida community college prior to August, 1989, are exempt from this requirement.


The motion to place this resolution on the agenda for the following meeting of the Faculty Senate passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Cunningham reminded Steering Committee members of the special open forum and follow-up Faculty Senate meeting on January 23rd. He also announced that a special meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on January 30, 1992, to discuss constitutional changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey W. Cornett
Secretary of the Faculty Senate