

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Faculty Senate Office
MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty
From: Jeffrey W. Cornett, Faculty Senate Secretary
Date: January 28, 1992
Subject: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, January 23, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:00 p. m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of January 9, 1992, were approved unanimously.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the Steering Committee would meet on January 30th to discuss the proposed constitutional revision.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Among guests present were President Bryan, Provost Astro, Dr. Juge, Dean Sheriden, Mr. Dean McFall, Ms. Gwen Haile, Dr. Phillip Crant, Dr. Mark Stern, and Dr. David Gurney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **No old business.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Cunningham introduced Dr. Frances Smith, Chair of Curriculum, who acknowledged the committee members for the significant time and effort they spent deliberating upon the foreign language requirement issue. Dr. Smith stated that a number of hearings had been held which included administration, faculty, and students. She moved the Resolution 1991-1992-10, Dr. Paul Somerville seconded.

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 1989, and those enrolled in AA degree programs at a Florida community college prior to August, 1989, are exempt from this requirement.

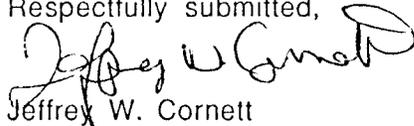
There was considerable discussion both for and against the resolution. Dr. John Schell spoke in support of the resolution citing data from the deans of four colleges indicating that the requirement was not as important in their disciplines, the budgetary environment, and the problem of resources within foreign language. In response to Dr. Phillip Taylor's question regarding the realistic nature of a three semester requirement, Dr. Crant stated that his department was not able to handle the load and that proficiency was a problem. He stated that the department could not handle the numbers of students in a reasonable fashion. Various other faculty members and administrators discussed the issue at length. Dr. Shelly Park, a member of the Curriculum Committee, reminded the Senate that this resolution was made to deal with an immediate problem and did not represent a long term solution. Dr. Taylor moved that the resolution be split into parts A and B for voting purposes. The motion was seconded and passed 19 to 17.

Dr. Bruce Pauley proposed an amendment which suggested a moratorium wherein the issue would have to be brought up again in a specified period. After some discussion, he withdrew his amendment.

The resolution was voted upon in parts. Part A passed with 21 votes in favor, 13 opposed. Part B passed with 28 votes in favor, 7 opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey W. Cornett
Faculty Senate Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Cunningham asked the Constitutional Subcommittee to meet at the end of the Faculty Senate meeting and indicated that the Steering Committee would meet on January 30th to discuss the constitutional revision.