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Minutes

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ROLL CALL

Present: Bach, Barrena, Burger, Campbell, Clark, Cooper, Decious, Dillon (Parliamentarian), Figler, Freund, Glovinsky, Gonzalez, Hallinan, Hayashigatani, Holl, Huff, Jakob, Johnson, Kornweibel, Lewis, Lonam, L. Martin, Mattos, Joan Maxwell, John Maxwell, McGeary, McGowan, Miller, Moore, Olson, Pacholke, Palmer, Platzner, G. Shannon, W. Shannon, Summers, Toder, Tooker, Tzakiri, Urone, Wheeler, White, Winters, Wright, Yousif

Absent: Amos, Cross, Harriman, Haq, Herman, Kando, Kho, Kutchins, Marsh, D. Martin, McClure, Meyer, Morrow, Nicola, Pyne, Reinelt, Stroumpos, Swanson, Torcom, Whitesel

ACTION ITEMS

AS 89-89/Ex., Flr. G.E. CONTENT REVISION - AREA E:
UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Academic Senate refers the statement of criteria for Area E to the General Education Committee with a request to address the issues raised in the GERT report pertaining to Area E including the specific issue of whether P.E. skills acquisition and other similar courses should be excluded from the category, or, if included, whether the criteria statement should be revised so as to preclude completion of the area unit requirement with P.E. skills courses alone.

The Academic Senate requests that the G.E. Committee consult with the Area E Subcommittee and departments offering courses in Area E, as appropriate, and submit to the Senate, by March 1, 1990, a report on its deliberations and its recommendations, if any, for revision of Area E.

Carried.

AS 89-90/Ex., Flr. G.E. CONTENT REVISION - ALL AREAS

The Academic Senate endorses, in principle, the GERT recommendation that all lower division courses in G.E. should include some writing and that upper division courses should include a writing requirement as a significant element (pages 15, 62) and requests that, by December 1, 1990, the coordinators of the "Writing Across the Curriculum" program, in consultation with the Advanced Study Committee, review GERT's proposal (page 62) and prepare a criteria statement for the writing requirement, including recommendations on the nature, extent and timing of writing assignments, instructor response to and use of writing assignments, and class size, for the Senate's consideration.

In addition, the Academic Senate requests that the Advanced Study Committee review the criteria statement for advanced study courses in relation to the proposed writing requirement in all G.E. courses and conduct an evaluation of the advanced study program for the purpose of submitting to the Senate, by March 1, 1989, a report of its findings and recommendations for continuation, revision, or deletion of the advanced study requirement.

Carried.

AS 89-92A/Ex., Flr. G.E. PROGRAM--VARIATIONS

The Academic Senate postpones consideration of AS 89-92A [The Academic Senate endorses, in principle, the GERT recommendation that, in majors granted variations from the standard G.E. Program (e.g., engineering majors), courses taken in lieu of courses approved for the standard program must meet the G.E. Program objectives and area criteria, and directs the G.E. Committee to initiate the review of current variations.] to a future meeting.

Carried.

AS 89-92 - VOIDAS 89-126A/Flr. COMPUTER LITERACY AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The Academic Senate tables consideration of AS 89-126A [The Academic Senate accepts for consideration GERT's recommendation in computer literacy that: "the course approval and review processes should raise the question whether G.E. courses are designed to include appropriate instructional and assignment elements, which would help to promote computer use skills."].

Carried.

AS 89-126B/Flr. COMPUTER LITERACY AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The Academic Senate tables consideration of AS 89-126B [The Academic Senate accepts for consideration GERT's recommendation in computer literacy that: "the Quantitative Reasoning category drop computer science courses only if the upcoming ITC agreement requires

so, and even then, computer science courses could still be retained in our proposed Area B electives category, B4."].

Carried.

AS 89-126C/Flr. COMPUTER LITERACY AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The Academic Senate requests that, by March 1, 1990, the Department of Computer Science, in consultation with administrators and other campus bodies, as appropriate:

1. provide the Senate with a definition of the scope of what constitutes computer literacy and define computer use skills;
2. provide the Senate with a proposal to require that students pass the Computer Proficiency Exam, or demonstrate equivalency through related coursework offered by Computer Science or other disciplines, and
3. provide the Senate with an analysis of the fiscal and staffing impact of such a proposal and a long-range plan for its implementation.

Carried.

FIRST READING ITEM

AS 89-91/Ex. G.E. CONTENT REVISION--STUDIES IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Janice McPherson, Secretary