

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: George C. Alexandrakis *GEA*
Chairman, Faculty Senate

DATTE: June 23, 1989

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #88016(B) -
Modification to Faculty Senate Legislation #85012(B) - "Credit Only"
Option

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting of May 8, 1989, voted to approve Faculty Senate Legislation #88016(B) - Modification to Faculty Senate Legislation #85012(B)- "Credit Only" Option. The text of the legislation is as follows:

At the time of registration eligible students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least **2.75**.

Eligible students may take one course per semester for "credit only" to a maximum of **12 credits**.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

GCA/b

cc: Provost Luis Glaser
Professor Thompson Biggers,
Associate Director of Enrollments

CAPSULE:

Faculty Senate Legislation #88016(B) -
Modification to Faculty Senate Legislation #85012(B) -
"Credit Only" Option

RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT:

DATE: 7/27/89

APPROVED: Yes JA

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT OR PUBLISH: Provost

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

2. A student has participated in a special academic activity such as a field trip or other special event connected with coursework. (Issued by the sponsor when authorized by the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President.)

All other reasons for absence from required sessions are primarily the concern of the student and the instructor. If the instructor does not recognize the reason for absence as acceptable, the student may appeal to the chairman of the department in which the course is offered.

CHANGE OR DROP OF COURSE

Course changes after the completion of registration must be approved by the student's academic dean. Forms must be fully processed to make any approved changes official.

Dropping of any course for which the student has registered is official only when the academic dean has signed the proper form and the form has been processed by the Office of Enrollment Services. Unofficial withdrawal may result in failure in the course. Neglecting attendance in classes or merely giving notice to instructors will not be considered as official notice of withdrawal.

No student will be permitted to drop a course *after the seventh week* of classes during a regular semester, or *after the second week* of classes in a summer session. Students enrolled in a course after the withdrawal date must receive a final grade in the course.

During the academic year, a student may drop a course within the first ten (10) class days without having a "W" placed on his/her record.

During a summer session a student may drop a course within the first five (5) class days following registration without having a "W" placed on his/her record.

Changes in the credit-only option may be made for two weeks following the last day of registration.

COURSE CHANGE FEE

The course change fee is assessed of each student who changes course assignments or section assignments after regular registration. This includes *any* changes involving the credit-only option. The course change fee of \$10.00 is assessed for each drop/add slip on which one or more courses are to be added or on which changes are made in the credit-only option. The course change fee of \$10.00 is to be waived only by direction of an Academic Dean or the Office of Enrollment Services.

"CREDIT ONLY" OPTION

The "credit only" option has been established to encourage students to explore academic areas outside their major and minor fields of concentration. Students may use this option with free electives and receive a grade of "CR" (Credit Received) or "NC" (No Credit). These grades become part of a student's record, but they do not count in the grade point average as computed by the University of Miami.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to enroll for courses under the "CR/NC" option, a student must:

1. hold the standing of Sophomore or above, and, if a transfer, must have completed one semester of residency at the University of Miami;
2. At the time of registration have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00;
3. elect the "CR/NC" option within two weeks following the last day of registration. No changes except withdrawals from the course are permitted after this time.

Regulations and Restrictions:

1. Eligible students may take one course per semester for "credit only," to a maximum of 9 credits.
2. Only free electives may be taken under this option. Free electives are defined as courses not taken to fulfill the requirements for the major, minor, or general distribution requirements of the University and the individual schools. Individual schools, by action of their faculties, may permit courses taken on a "credit only" option to fulfill distribution requirements.
3. ENGLISH 105 and ENGLISH 106 cannot be taken for "credit only."
4. Grading standards for the "credit only" option are the same as for students who register for the course under the regular grading system. Letter grades will be submitted by instructors to the Registrar, who will change all grades "A" through "C" to "CR" (Credit Received) for those enrolled under the "CR/NC" option.
5. A grade of "NC" (No Credit) will be recorded by the Registrar for all grades of "D" and "E". The student will not receive credit hours or quality points for the grade of "NC".
6. Should a student subsequently change his/her major, free electives taken for "credit only" prior to the declaration of this major may be counted toward fulfilling major, minor, or general distribution requirements at the discretion of the department chairman and the academic dean.

FILE COPY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Mike Marcil, Sophomore Senator and
Chairman, Academic Affairs Committee

FROM: Dr. George C. Alexandrakis
Chairman, Faculty Senate

DATE: November 13, 1989

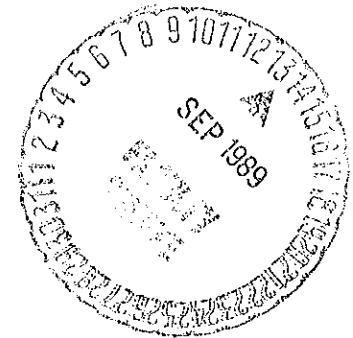
SUBJECT: Credit Only Option

Thank you for your memorandum of September 8. I have enclosed a copy of Faculty Senate Legislation #88016(B), "Credit Only" Option, which President Foote signed on July 27, 1989.

I have also enclosed, for your information, Faculty Senate Legislation #88018(B), modifying the quality point average requirement for the Dean's List which was signed by President Foote on June 27, 1989. The legislation also established the Provost's Honor Roll which will be composed of those students who have attained a quality point average of 3.75 or higher for the semester.

GCA/b

Enclosures



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. George Alexandrakis
Chairman, Faculty Senate

From: Mike Marcil, Sophomore Senator and Chairman *MM*
of the Academic Affairs Committee

Re: Credit Only Option

Date: September 8, 1989

On February 3 and February 22 of the past academic year memoranda were sent to you regarding changes in the Credit Only Option. Copies of those memoranda are attached.

As a concerned member of the Senate I wish to follow up on these proposed changes. Once again, I would appreciate your consideration of these modifications and would like to set up an appointment to discuss them with you as soon as possible.

MM br

cc: Dr. Craig Ullom, Advisor



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. George Alexandrakis
Chairman, Faculty Senate

From: C. Dean Furman, Speaker Pro Tempore and Senator for
the College of Arts and Sciences
Doris Szczepkowski, Academic Affairs Committee
Corey Bishop, Academic Affairs Committee

Re: Credit Only Option

Date: February 22, 1989

Furthering our discussion of the Credit Only Option, we would like to propose the following changes:

1. Year in school - Freshmen should be allowed to take Credit Only classes. This would encourage academic challenge for freshmen by allowing them to participate in higher level courses without additional pressure. In this manner, first year students may explore different disciplines, experience a more stimulating learning environment, and, thus, better enjoy their initial year at UM. As a freshman, it is particularly important to gain a general insight into areas of interest as an aid in determining a course of studies.

2. Maximum number of credits - In accordance with #1 above, the maximum number of Credit Only Option credits should be increased to twelve. With this increase a student may have the reasonable option of taking one Credit Only course per year.

3. G.P.A. Requirement - The establishment of a 3.0 G.P.A. requirement is one which is unnecessarily high due to the fact that the University's undergraduate average is lower. If any G.P.A. standard need be established, it may be better to set the criterion at the University's undergraduate average. If a student with a G.P.A. below the University's undergraduate average seeks to take any course for Credit Only, he or she should be required to obtain permission from the instructor in addition to two faculty recommendations.

4. Minimum grade for credit - Finally, we propose that the grade of C-, rather than C, be used as the minimum grade to award credit, since the standards then could not take the plus/minus system into consideration.

We appreciate your consideration of these modifications and would like to schedule an appointment to discuss them with you as soon as possible.

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Re: Credit Only Option

Date: February 3, 1989

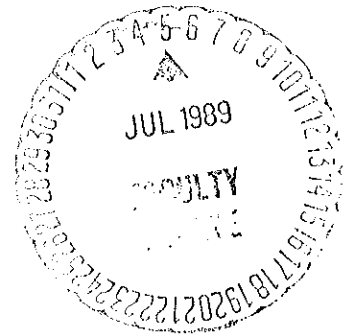
The changes in the Credit Only Option that were implemented for this year disturbed Student Government. As we discussed this issue last semester with you, we hope that more information has come to light on the reasons behind the changes.

We look forward to meeting with you on the 9th to discuss this matter.

CDF br



Executive Vice President and Provost



M E M O R A N D U M

June 29, 1989

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: Luis Glaser
Executive Vice President
and Provost

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Luis Glaser".

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #88016(B) - Modification to
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I am writing with regard to Senate Legislation #88106(B). The intent of this legislation is to improve on the current system and it may in fact do so. It is unclear to me, however, whether the intent of the legislation goes beyond the paragraphs indicated, and whether additional clarification is not needed with regard to other elements in the current legislation.

By copy of this memorandum, I am asking Thompson Biggers to clarify the legislation with Dr. Alexandrakis concerning other restrictions that currently exist with regard to the credit only option so that an appropriate document can be brought forward for your signature.

LG:nh

cc: Dr. George Alexandrakis ✓
Dr. Thompson Biggers
Dr. Ross Murfin



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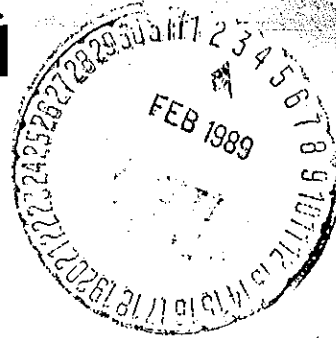
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