



FACULTY SENATE

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: David L. Wilson
Chair, Faculty Senate

[Handwritten signature of David L. Wilson]

DATE: June 12, 1998

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #97006(B) –
Establishment of a Department of Geography in the School of
International Studies

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting on October 6, 1997, voted to approve the establishment of a Department of Geography in the School of International Studies.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

6/24/98

David,

✓ approved.

Thanks.

[Handwritten initials]

DLW/b

cc: Provost Luis Glaser
Dean Roger Kanet, School of
International Studies

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #97006(B) – Establishment of a Department of Geography in the School of International Studies

RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT:

DATE: 6/24/98

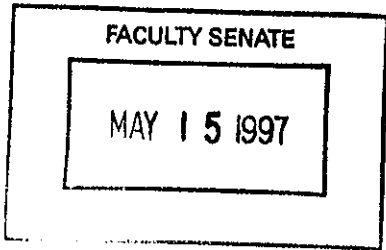
OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

APPROVED: Yes [Signature]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



MEMORANDUM

Executive Vice President and Provost

May 12, 1997


copy to E. Balayra

TO: Dr. Alex McIntire
 Assistant Dean, GSIS

Dr. Peter O. Muller
 Chair, Department of Geography

Dr. Jan Nijman
 Director, ISP

Dr. William Smith
 GSIS

FROM: Luis Glaser
 Executive Vice President
 and Provost 

SUBJECT: SIS Proposal

As you know, the Faculty Senate approved in principle the formation of a School of International Studies including both graduate and undergraduate programs. The next step is to bring to the Senate a plan for the orderly implementation of this School.

I ask that the four of you serve as the drafting committee. My hope would be that we can bring the plan to the Senate for a first reading at their first meeting in the fall.

I think the best way to proceed is to develop a clear and careful implementation strategy of several stages. It should address the migration of the Department of Geography into the School; the administrative structure of the School; the resources of the School; and the programs of study to be offered.

I do not think it necessary or desirable to flesh out a new curriculum at this time. It is essential, though, to address the needs of students currently enrolled in ISP and the Department of Geography, as well as the process and timing through which the new curriculum will be developed.

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I have asked John Masterson in his capacity as interim dean to convene the first meeting. Obviously, dean-elect Roger Kanet will be involved.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important effort. Let me know if I can be helpful to you.

LG:nh

cc: Dr. Roger Kanet
Dr. John Masterson
Dr. David Wilson

objection, in principle, to the creation of an undergraduate major in another school; 2) the College would like to preserve its current major in International Studies; and 3) while it does not object to the migration of the Department of Geography, the College of Arts and Sciences wishes to retain its current major in geography. Dean Kanet summarized the background of the materials sent by the Senate office and those that he distributed at the meeting. He emphasized that an addition of up to five faculty lines over the next several years was a commitment made to the future of the new school. The Dean also mentioned the differentiation between a degree program and a major. Initially, he said, the degree program and the major will be the same as now exists in the College of Arts and Sciences. He emphasized that the intent is to offer a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies degree by the School of International Studies. Professor Nijman, director of the undergraduate International Studies Program, spoke briefly about a handout he distributed showing the present and future structure of the undergraduate program in ISP. The Dean assured the Senate that the curriculum and the general education requirements for next year will remain identical to what is now in place. There was discussion about the curriculum as presented last fall and how some of the courses may duplicate those already being offered. Professor McKenry stated that legislative actions will be necessary to convert the school and to institute the degree to be granted from the school. In reviewing the requirements for the program, Professor Oxman urged that the requirements for foreign languages be strengthened both in fluency and competency in English and one other language, plus a minimum number of courses in a third language to better serve the student in future endeavors.

It was *moved* and seconded to rescind Section B8 of the *Faculty Manual* Bylaws which pertains to the Graduate School of International Studies. The Chair of the Senate shall present appropriate legislative language for changes in the Bylaws relating to the new school. The *motion carried*.

It was *moved* and seconded to establish the School of International Studies as a school, as defined in the Charter, with all the rights and privileges assigned to it. Appropriate legislative language shall be presented to the Senate by the Chair for implementation, subject to the stipulations reported from the School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences Council and the faculty. The *motion carried*.

It was *moved* and seconded to establish a Department of Geography in the School of International Studies and afford the opportunity to any members of the current Department of Geography in the College of Arts and Sciences to transfer without further Senate action. The Provost responded to an inquiry about budgetary implications of moving the Department of Geography to the new School of International Studies by saying that there will be no budgetary changes. However, there will be some additional faculty appointments within the new school, some of which may be in the department. The *motion carried*. The Department of Geography is also planning to change its name to the Department of Geography and Regional Studies. This will require separate legislation.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS

Taken by the
Executive Committee
University of Miami Board of Trustees
November 17, 1998

AUTHORIZED administration to spend an additional \$300,000 for the completion of the 50% construction documents for the Batchelor Children's Center.

APPROVED amendments to the Faculty Charter regarding: Revisions to Undergraduate Honor Code; Rescission of Section B8 of the Bylaws, pertaining to Graduate School of International Studies; Establishment of the School of International Studies; Establishment of a Department of Geography in the School of International Studies; Transfer of the International Studies Program from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of International Studies; Restructuring the Honors Program; Establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Degree; Approval of the Center for Research on Sport in Society; Change in name for the Department of Geography, and Change in name and status of the "Advanced Diploma in Performance".

AUTHORIZED administration to enter into a contract with UNUM for long term care starting in 1999, with the understanding that full premium cost will be covered by faculty and staff.

APPROVED the establishment of the quasi-endowment fund for the School of Continuing Studies.

AFFIRMED and reaffirmed the sense of the Executive Committee that it supports President Foote's recommendation to grandfather current employees to retain tuition remission and that the administration should respect Faculty Senate's processes in regards to tuition remission.