



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Mary Coombs *MC*
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: February 4, 2004

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2003-16(B) – General Education Requirement waiver for the College of Engineering

The Faculty Senate, at its January 28, 2004 meeting, voted unanimously to modify the General Education Requirements for the College of Engineering as follows: In order to meet the Accreditation Requirements in the College of Engineering, the General Education Requirements for the Areas of Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences shall be a total of no less than eighteen credits, with a minimum of six credits in the Humanities and six credits in the Social Sciences.

The Senate approved this with the understanding that, should the accreditation requirements change and this exemption is no longer needed, the issue will be revisited. The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

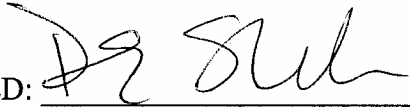
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cc: Luis Glaser, Executive Vice President and Provost
Dean M. Lewis Temares, Dean, College of Engineering
Kamal Yacoub, College of Engineering Senate representative and presenter of proposal

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CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2003-16(B) – General Education Requirement waiver
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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 2/11/04
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

To: Members of the General Welfare Committee
From: K. Yacoub, College of Engineering
Subject: Request for continuation of GER Waiver for Engineering

The current **General Education Requirements** for the **College of Engineering** Students with regard to the areas of **Humanities Fine Arts and Social Sciences** is as stated in the current Undergraduate Bulletin and reads as follows:

The College of Engineering faculty requires that the courses selected must provide both breadth and depth and not be limited to a selection of unrelated introductory courses. Courses that instill cultural values are acceptable, while written exercises and personal craft are not. Foreign language courses in a student's native language(s) are not acceptable. To provide depth, the College of Engineering Faculty requires at least two courses be at the advanced level. An advanced level course is defined as a course with at least one prerequisite or a course at the 300 or 400 level.

To satisfy the University of Miami general education requirements on writing intensive courses, at least six credits must be in writing sections (W) (note: all English and literature courses are considered writing courses).

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Select six courses with at least two courses in HUMANITIES and two in SOCIAL SCIENCES. At least two of the six courses should be from columns B and C, but not more than two from column C. Two of these six courses should be taken in sections designated as Writing sections (W).

This modification from the mainstream requirement (18=6+6+6) was possible because of a waiver authorized during the 1980's by the Faculty Senate in order to meet Engineering Accreditation Requirements for Breadth and Depth and which exclude most Fine Arts Courses.

This is to request Faculty Senate approval of the continuation of such a Waiver as stated in the following motion:

In the College of Engineering, the General Education Requirements for the Areas of Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences shall be a total of no less than eighteen credits with a minimum of six credits in the Humanities and six credits in the Social Sciences.