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MEMORANDUM

ROLLINS COLLEGE

FROM: Ed Cohen

DATE: Feb. 29, 1972

TO: All Faculty

Subject: Special Meeting of the Faculty

President Critchfield has requested (as provided in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 6, p. 5) that Dr. Bowers call a special meeting of the Faculty to be held Monday, March 6, 1972, at 4:00 p.m., in the Crummer Auditorium. The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the most recent action of the College Senate on the foreign language requirement.

President Critchfield has urged that all members of the Faculty make a special effort to attend this meeting, so that the issue might be finally resolved.

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MEMORANDUM

From: President Critchfield

February 29, 1972

To: All Members of the Rollins College Faculty

You will be receiving very shortly a notice from Dr. Cohen announcing a special meeting of the Faculty on Monday, March 6, at 4 p.m., in the Crummer Auditorium. I write to clarify the fact that I have asked Dr. Bowers as president of the Faculty to call this meeting.

I have done so after considerable deliberation. As you may or may not be aware, I was necessarily absent from last week's Senate meeting at which time the Senate passed the attached resolution relating to the question of a Foreign Language requirement.

Upon my return to the Campus last Thursday, I was urged by a number of the Faculty to call a Faculty meeting on the grounds that the Senate action violated the intent of the Faculty resolution which returned the issue to the Senate for action. While the question raised is one of individual interpretation, I find the question to be valid enough to attempt to finally resolve this issue.

The relatively new Senate organization has worked very well on the great majority of issues that have come before it. It would appear that in this particular case, a significant number of Faculty members do not believe that their representatives in the Senate properly reflect their views. I cannot sit in judgment of this charge without bringing together the full Faculty.

More than any other campus that I know of, the Language Requirement issue has divided this Faculty in a most unfortunate manner. I have made few requests of the Rollins Faculty, as a body, during the two and a half years I have been President. I now strongly request each of you to attend this special Faculty meeting next Monday and to attend it with a spirit of cooperation and commitment that will enable the resolution of this issue once and for all.

I have received the commitment of the members of the Language Department that any action taken by the full Faculty next Monday will be accepted and abided by with complete cooperation. I hope and expect that we may receive the same commitment from all members of the Faculty. I urge your attendance at next Monday's meeting. Thank you.

Jack B. Critchfield

MEMORANDUM

ROLLINS COLLEGE

March 3, 1972

From: Professor Naleway

To: All Faculty

Subject: Motion to the Faculty on the Foreign Language Requirement

WHEREAS: the Faculty is divided on the issue of a Foreign Language or a Foreign Culture requirement; and

WHEREAS: many faculty members are dissatisfied with the action of the Senate on February 22, 1972, which refashioned the Foreign Language requirement as a Foreign Culture requirement, the following compromise is offered.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- I. The Senate action of February 22, 1972 regarding the Foreign Language requirement be overruled.
- II. The following Foreign Language/foreign Culture requirement be adopted and apply to all currently enrolled students as well as to new students.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT

- A. A student will be exempted from the FL/FC requirement if he scores 550 or above on the Language Achievement Test.
- B. A student will be required to take one course in a foreign culture if he meets one of the following criteria:
 1. A Language Achievement Score between 500 and 549 and a C average or above in his high school language courses.
 2. Completion of 4 credits in one foreign language in high school with a C average or above in these courses.
 3. Completion of 2 credits in each of 2 foreign languages in high school with a C average or above in these courses.
- C. A student not meeting the criteria in parts A or B will be required to elect one of the following options. The option will be determined by the student in consultation with his advisor. The student may elect any foreign language and any culture course.

1. A 101-102 foreign language sequence and 1 foreign culture course;

or

2. A 102-level foreign language course and 1 foreign culture course;

or

3. Any 200-level foreign language course.

D. The culture courses are to be selected from a list prepared by the Academic Objectives Committee in consultation with the departments concerned. This list must include all 200-level foreign language courses and be submitted to the Senate for approval by April 30, 1972.

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY, 1971-1972

A special meeting of the Rollins College Faculty, requested by President Critchfield, was held Monday, 6 March 1972, at 4:00 p.m., in Crummer Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the action of the Senate on the foreign language requirement. Dr. Bowers presided.

President Critchfield stated that his primary reason for calling the meeting was to be certain that any motion passed this year by the College Senate and adopted by the Faculty would not be reversed next year. He recommended that the Faculty first determine the validity of the Senate action, then debate on possible alternatives, and finally vote on the proposals set forth; he urged that the Faculty strive to reach a final decision.

Dr. Lane moved:

Be it resolved that the Senate action of February 22, on the foreign language requirement, be affirmed as being in compliance with the intent of the Faculty resolution of February 4.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert. Dr. Skidmore cited the results of the questionnaire which she had distributed, indicating that the Faculty favors a foreign language requirement rather than a foreign culture requirement; she asked: does "retain, modify, or reconstruct" mean "to replace"? Mr. DeNicola said that he believes that the foreign culture resolution which was approved by the Senate is a reconstruction, not a replacement. The motion was defeated, 42-38.

Dean Norris moved that the Faculty constitute itself as a committee of the whole; the motion was seconded by President Critchfield and passed.

MEMORANDUM ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Four basic proposals were presented to the Faculty:

1. Dr. Lancaster proposed a foreign language requirement which would retain the status quo, except that the 201 level courses would be structured as intensive conversation courses and as intensive cultural reading courses-- to provide the student with a choice between the two.

2. Dr. Ray recommended that the student himself--in consultation with his advisor--be granted the option to elect foreign language courses or not.

3. Mr. DeNicola sponsored the plan adopted by the Senate. The foreign language requirement would be "refashioned" as a foreign culture requirement; to earn the B.A. all students would be required to complete two courses--selected from a list to be prepared by the Curriculum Subcommittee--dealing specifically with one or more foreign cultures.

4. Mr. Naleway sponsored a foreign language/foreign culture requirement which would retain the 101-102 levels of foreign language study, but would offer greater liberalization of exemption, and would provide alternatives in foreign culture.

Each of these plans was presented and debated extensively.

President Critchfield moved that the Faculty be reconvened in formal order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Woodbury and passed.

President Critchfield moved that each of the four proposals be voted on in the order of their presentation, and that those not defeated be voted on in a run-off. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mendell and passed.

Dr. Lancaster's proposal was defeated by a margin of 45 to 33.

Dr. Ray's proposal was defeated by a margin of 56 to 16.

Mr. DeNicola's proposal was defeated by a margin of 43 to 37.

Mr. Naleway's proposal passed by a margin of 55 to 21, and it was thereby adopted by the Faculty, as follows:

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President Critchfield expressed his belief that the vote reflected the understanding that the Bylaws give the Faculty the power to make decisions regarding the curriculum. He also suggested that the nature of the voting seemed to indicate that the idea of a foreign culture requirement, which may be new to the Faculty, may well be the direction in which we are actually moving.

The Senate adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Edward H. Cohen
Secretary of the Faculty