

Faculty keeps foreign language requirement

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The Arts and Sciences faculty voted Friday to retain its current group requirements. A proposal to change the requirements, which was referred back to the college's curriculum committee on a 78-55 vote, had been under discussion for three weeks.

The proposal would have eliminated the freshman English requirement and given students on optional

way to fulfill the college's foreign language requirement.

Under the defeated proposal, students could meet the language requirement either by passing the fourth college semester of a foreign language or an equivalency examination.

The original proposal would have abolished the language requirement, but was amended April 20 to

retain it.

Another proposal, which never reached the floor for discussion also would have altered the language requirement. Known as the "minority report," it offered students three ways to fulfill the requirement.

Under that proposal a student could either pass a proficiency test, complete the fourth semester of a language or compile a nine-hour bloc of courses in foreign language or culture, plus a course in applied linguistics.

If either change had been approved, it would have been the first major revision of the college's group requirements since the early 1950's.

The motion to refer the change back to the committee, thereby killing it for this year, was introduced by Gail Butt, professor of art. The motion followed an hour and a half of debate.

Butt said the faculty was "trying to do too much too soon." He compared the attempted revision to Congress "trying to change the Internal Revenue Code in only two sessions."

An amendment to limit the foreign language requirement to three semesters was under discussion when Butt introduced his motion.

The amendment had been introduced by J.A. Fagerstrom, professor of geology. He termed it "a compromise between those who want to keep the language requirement and those who don't."

Duane Snedeker, former chairman of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, said students should not expect a change in the group requirements soon.

He said the curriculum committee worked on the proposed changes for two years. Snedeker said he does not think it "will be too eager to draw up another proposal right away."

In other business, the faculty voted to establish an environmental health major. The program will train students for government work in health fields.

Although the major was approved, it was referred back to committee for additional research on funding and advising.



"Where are we". . . Dean Melvin George (right) asks parliamentarian Joan Wadlow at Friday's meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty.

Task force will trim membership

Three faculty members of the environmental task force will be asked to reconsider their membership, according to Gary Gablehouse, task force chairman.

"I am in the process of getting dead weight off the task force," Gablehouse said. "There also will be students on the steering committee getting notice that they should reconsider being on the force next year."

Gablehouse said the faculty members being asked to leave are: Ronald Gierhan, assistant in student affairs, Peter Reilly, assistant chemical engineering professor and James Kendrick, agricultural economics professor.

"Most members have done nothing this year," Gablehouse said. The reason the task force had such a hard time getting anything done is that the "level of commitment of task force members was really poor."

Most members didn't have time to be on the task force, Gablehouse said, but "we did receive some help on the faculty administrative level."

"I want to make known what went on this year," Gablehouse said, "so there can be some fantastic revisions."

Gablehouse said the task force implemented a pilot project for can recycling this year. Food services at Burr, Fede and Love residence halls on East Campus were to use the program, he added.

"We received no cooperation from the food services," Gablehouse remarked. It was an experiment and "we found out that they won't go out of their way to do anything. There was little student cooperation too."

The task force also tried to set up a program for issuing parking sticker permits on priority, according to Gablehouse. A clean-burning car would get choicer parking place under this plan, he said.

However, almost nothing was done on this, he said adding that this was the reason one member was being asked to leave.

Gablehouse said that only two task force members really worked this year. Out of those two, one is going to Arizona to be a member of an environmental group and the other is tired of doing everything and doesn't want to have anything to do with the force anymore, he said.

There will be new committee members for next year and possibly a new chairman, Gablehouse said. "I don't know whether I'll take the position again," he said.

It will be up to the new chairman to do the interviewing and pick the new members, he said. Gablehouse said he wanted some of the old members to leave so that a new chairman wouldn't have to go through all the hassles he went through this year.

Spring festival

Monday, May 1

8 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall--Composers Recital
All Week Nebraska Union--Danny Lyon Photographs of Texas prisons

Tuesday, May 2

8 p.m. Sheldon Art Gallery--Danny Lyon film and workshops
8 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall--Madrigal Singers and Clarinet Choir Concert

Wednesday, May 3

3:30 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall--Senior Recital
7 & 9 p.m. Foreign Film--"The Shameless Old Lady"

Thursday, May 4

8 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall--Collegiate Band Concert

Friday, May 5

12 noon East Campus Mall--Cornstock
1:30 p.m. UNL diamond--Baseball vs. Oklahoma
2:30 p.m. Sheldon Art Gallery--Art Department Vreeland Awards
8 p.m. Howell Theatre--"The Tempest"
8 p.m. Sheldon Art Gallery--Student Art Show

Saturday, May 6

10 a.m. Centennial College--Art Auction
11 a.m. Mortar Board Initiation and Luncheon
1:30 p.m. Memorial Stadium--Spring Football Game
1:30 p.m. UNL diamond--Baseball vs. Oklahoma
5:30 p.m. Union--Dinner for new Innocents
8 p.m. Howell Theatre--"The Tempest"