THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
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Minutes of the Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions and Financial Assistance

November 6, 1987

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Hugh Haynsworth, Cindy Hope, Michael Morgan, Susan Morrison (chair), Ike Stoneberger.

Others Present: William Lindstrom, Michael Pincus.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October 30, 1987 meeting were circulated and approved.

Professor Michael Pincus, chairman of the Department of Languages, met with the committee to discuss alternative courses to the language requirement for learning disabled students. Professor Pincus stated that while the language requirement focuses on a single language, the requirement has a four-fold purpose: 1) to gain a reading and speaking knowledge of a language for communication; 2) to learn to read the language as a research tool; 3) to study other cultures, past and present; and 4) to study the literature of the language. Prof. Pincus felt that ideally these four areas should be addressed in an alternative program, although this would be difficult to do in only four courses.

The discussion of the committee included the following:

-more than four courses could be required as an alternative to the requirement;
-the existence of a pre-approved list of courses would be helpful to the committee in removing self-imposed requirements such as selecting courses that are listed for the next term;
-pre-approved courses would be helpful to students who are identified as learning disabled upon admission to the college;
-sixteen learning disabled petitions have come to the committee since 1991 and thirteen were approved, allowing substitute courses for the foreign language requirement.
-the committee could only recall one petition not involving the foreign language requirement. Prof. Pincus felt this was due to the new patterns or structure required in the study of foreign language.

Dean Lindstrom shared the planned changes in the final exam schedule, moving a reading day to into the exam period. This change, made in response to the committee’s request, will first be implemented next spring.

Prof. Morrison requested the committee prepare for the petition of ____, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Dean Lindstrom discussed his memorandum to the committee, requesting deletion of a passage in the bulletin. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m., as the meeting no longer had a quorum.

Submitted by,

W. Hugh Haynsworth