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Faculty Senate

Serial Number #04-05--4

TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled University College and General Education Committee Report #2004-05-1: Diversity Overlay, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on October 28, 2004.
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective November 18, 2004 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

October 29, 2004
(date)

G. Faye Boudreaux-Bartels
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved .
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors .
- c. Disapproved .

11/8/04
(date)

President



**Faculty Senate
University College and General Education Committee
Report #2004-05-1
Diversity Overlay**

The University College and General Education Committee considered matters related to the Diversity Overlay and agreed that further clarification was necessary. The UCGE committee agreed that only one course in a foreign language may be applied to the diversity overlay to ensure that students who take foreign language have the opportunity to take courses that examine the role of difference within as well as outside national boundaries. The Committee therefore recommends that existing section **8.20.24** of the University Manual be amended to read as follows. (Changes are in ***boldface italics***):

Proposed Section 8.20.24

8.20.24 *To ensure that students are exposed to courses that include a multicultural or diversity requirement*, two of the courses taken as part of a student's general education program must ***include the examining human differences skill***. ***These two courses shall*** be selected from courses designated by a "D." ***Only one course in a foreign language may be applied to the diversity overlay***. This overlay does not increase the number of credits required in the general education program.

Existing section 8.20.24

8.20.24 Two of the courses taken as part of a student's general education program must be selected from courses designated by a "D." This overlay does not increase the number of credits required in the general education program.

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