June 18, 2003

MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Affairs Committee

From: Andrew C. Land
Chairman

RE: General Education Proposal to the Provost and President

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has completed its work on revamping the General Education program at Clemson. General Education, it is hoped, has been reformed to be a richer, more common experience that can be shared by all Clemson students. The plan, if approved as attached, will take effect with the freshman class of 2004 – 2005.

As mentioned, I am attaching the proposal that was submitted by Dr. J.V. Reel, Jr., to the Provost and the President. Also, I am attaching a back-up document concerning free electives that may be of interest to you.

The swiftness of the Committee’s actions (two weeks time to report out a proposal of this magnitude) speaks volumes. This brevity in scheduling also precluded the necessity of our proposed General Education Sub-Committee. However, your input, made before and during the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee’s deliberations, was valuable and made all the difference.

I will write to you again soon to keep you posted on Academic Affairs goings-on and to ask for your input in charting our course as a committee for the upcoming year.

Thank you, and best wishes.

Enclosures: General Education Proposal to Helms and Barker
Free Electives Document/Mail-Ballot

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June 5, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: James F. Barker
    President

    Doris R. Helms
    Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

FROM: Jerome V. Reel, Jr.
      Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

RE: General Education Proposal

The members of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the General Education Area
Subcommittees completed the following General Education proposal for your consideration.

In their deliberations, the committee made a recommendation to eliminate free electives. A vote was taken.
There was not a definite conclusion reached. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

The vote was as follows:

4 voted to eliminate to 0 hours
4 voted 6 hours remain
1 voted that 5 or 6 hours remain
1 voted that 7 hours remain

PROPOSED
GENERAL EDUCATION
May 30, 2003

English Composition
    English 102 or 103

Advanced Writing
(One course from a list of approved 3-hour courses
or a cluster of approved courses by a specific major
that together provides content in writing equivalent
to a three-credit hour course)

Oral Communications
(One course from a list of approved 3-hour courses
or a cluster of approved courses by a specific major
that together provides content in oral communications
equivalent to a three-credit hour course)

3 Hours

3 Hours

3 Hours
Portfolios

(Two one-hour courses.) A third hour of portfolio building should be required and be supervised by the department.

Mathematical, Scientific and Technological Literacy

1 Mathematics course to be selected by the majors
1 Course in a laboratory science to be selected by the majors
1 Course in Science and Technology in Society from a list of three-hour courses (to be provided).

Social Sciences

AAS *301
ANTH *201
AP EC 202
CHS H202
COMM 365, 369
CRD 257
ECON 200, 211, 212
PHIL 320, 327
PO SC 101, *102, *104, 301, 302, *363
PSYCH 201, 306
RS 301
SOC 201, 202

(To meet the Cross Cultural Awareness requirement of General Education, students must take one course from the list of Social Sciences and Humanities courses. These are marked with an asterisk.)

Arts and Humanities

COURSES (one from this list)

Literature
CHIN 201, 202
ENGL 202, 203, 204, 205, 206
207, 208, 209, H210
FR 201, 202, 300*
GER 201, 202, 301*, 302*
ITAL 201, 202, 301*, 302*, 400*
JAPN 201, 202
PORT 202
REL 302
RUSS 202
SPAN 202, 303*, 311*
Other (one from this list)
AAH (101?), 210*
CHIN 202
CHIN 499*
CHS 203
COMM 365, 369
ENGL 350, 351, 353*, 355, 356, 357, 380*, 385, 386
GW 301
HUM 301, 302, 306, 309*
MUS 210*, 311, 312, 313, 324*, 317
PHIL 101, 102, 103, 303, 304, 315, 316, 317, 318, 320, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327,
343, 344, 345
REL 101, 102*, 301*, 306*, 307*
THEA 210, 315*, 316*, 317*
WS 301*

(One course from a subset of the two areas' lists to fulfill the Cross Cultural Awareness is marked with an asterisk. The language 201 and 202 courses can only be used by B.S. majors.)

Ethical Judgment
Embedded in curriculum to be overseen by the Rutland Center for Ethics.

Total 33 Hours

Signatures

Jerome V. Reel, Jr. Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Date 6 June 2003

Doris R. Helms Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Date

James F. Barker President Date
June 2, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

FROM: Jerome V. Reel, Jr.
Senior Vice Provost and Dean of
Undergraduate Studies

RE: Required Free Electives

In our desire to end Friday’s curriculum committee meeting, we did not spend time focused on the “required free electives”. We had agreed we wanted that to be a part of the committee’s report to the proposal. Let me ask that we merely mail ballot. Therefore, I am asking you to vote by mail:

1. Do you want to reduce and/or eliminate the required free electives?
   Vote yes or no.

2. The following should be Clemson’s required free electives. (Circle the one your prefer)
   1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

Thanks for your immediate attention to this.

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