

Senate Meeting
February 1, 2015
5:30 PM

Meeting Agenda

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call/Reading and Approval of Minutes
- B. Reports of Officers, Standing and Special Committees
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President of Administration and Finance
 - c. Vice President of Communications and Marketing
 - d. Vice President of Programming and Outreach
 - e. Parliamentarian
- C. Old Business
 - a. Resolution Fall 2015-5 (Jayson Smith)
- D. New Business
 - a. Resolution Spring 2016-1 (Mary Mitchell)
 - b. Bill Spring 2016-1- (Jesus Valero)
- E. Announcements
- F. Adjournment



Resolution Fall 2015-5

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas (UNT) requires reading knowledge of one or more foreign languages for more than 30 MA degrees and several PhD degrees

WHEREAS, the UNT Department of World Languages, Literatures, & Cultures offered two-semester graduate courses in French and German for reading knowledge before Fall 2011

WHEREAS, for students to fulfill one language requirement, students must either 1) take the first two semesters of an undergraduate language sequence and pass a translation exam; 2) take an exam to place into at least the third level of the undergraduate sequence and pass a translation exam; or 3) take the first four semesters of the undergraduate sequence

WHEREAS, two semesters of an undergraduate language sequence do not adequately prepare graduate students for rigorous academic translation

WHEREAS, for the numerous graduate students who must acquire reading knowledge of one or more foreign languages, reading knowledge courses are more relevant, more efficient, and more beneficial than traditional undergraduate foreign language courses

WHEREAS, numerous universities designated as having “very high research activity” by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education—including Boston University, Arizona State University, and Florida State University—offer courses dedicated to the reading knowledge of various foreign languages

WHEREAS, according to the University of North Texas’s “Four Bold Goals,” the University strives to “Provide superior graduate education, scholarship and artistic endeavors and achieve status among the nation’s tier-one research institutions”

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the University of North Texas reinstates the two-semester reading knowledge graduate courses in French and German, FREN 5016 and 5026 and GERM 5016 and 5026 respectively.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Jayson Smith

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Graduate Student Council has approved this document and is referred to the office of the GSC President.

Parliamentarian

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
- Approved

GSC President

Date

Associate Dean of Toulouse Graduate School

Date