



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION
concerning
A MINOR CONCENTRATION
in
LANGUAGE AND COMPUTATION
at
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

February 1, 2002

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University's proposal to offer a minor concentration in Language and Computation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the president of Central Connecticut State University provide appropriate documentation to the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:



Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

ITEM

A minor concentration in Language and Computation at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The English Department at CCSU currently offers two undergraduate minors in Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Descriptive Linguistics. The proposed minor in Language and Computation constitutes an alternative to these programs, thereby offering more academic choices to students. This is not a new program, specialization or option. Department of Higher Education policy requires that program modifications of more than eighteen credits be submitted for review.

ANALYSIS

As a minor concentration, it allows undergraduate students to focus credits in their major program—not restricted to English. The uniqueness of this minor is its interdisciplinary focus and its applications to working systems that use linguistic information—essential in today's technology driven society. The purpose of the minor is to develop and understanding of the human-computer dialog. Although no degree or certificate will be awarded, the minor provides for required (5) and elective (3) courses that follow two strands: computation and language. The content of the courses selected for the computation strand was a collaboration among faculty from the English, Computer Science and Mathematics departments. Procedures are in place for monitoring enrollment, retention, achievement of objectives, and employment. This minor concentration prepares graduates to seek employment with companies which have language-related career opportunities and also prepares them for graduate education.

There are no similar programs in the geographic area in either public or private institutions. No new faculty or resources will be required. Fiscal support provided by the university to the current program will continue.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposal from Central Connecticut State University to offer a minor concentration in Language and Computation.