ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

SUMMARY OF ACTION

TITLE OF LEGISLATION: Change of General Education Requirements

NUMBER: 86-16-S

ACTION TAKEN BY CONGRESS: Failed 9 - 18

LEGISLATION FORWARD TO: N/A

DATE Forwarded: N/A

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES: N/A

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION: N/A
Resolution 86-16-5
Change of General Education Requirements
Introduced 3-18-86

PURPOSE: For the University to change its general education requirements by making a speech class (either 145, 149, 161, or 345) a required class before graduation.

STATUS: FAILED

WHEREAS, According to the purpose of general education requirements of Western Kentucky University is, "To provide academic experiences in the major traditional areas of knowledge: the organization and communication of ideas, arts and humanities, social and behavioral studies, natural sciences and mathematics, and physical development," and

WHEREAS, General Education Requirements include courses not necessarily related to the major and which are designed to help the student develop as an educated person and as a citizen, and

WHEREAS, Communication skills are a vital part of a college education and in real life, and

WHEREAS, Written and oral skills are a part of the communication process, and

WHEREAS, Western Kentucky University currently requires six credit hours of English composition, and

WHEREAS, A student now has the option of taking speech 145, 149, 161, or 345, to meet the requirements for the elective part of the organization and communication of ideas, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky require all students to take a course in speech to be eligible for graduation, and

WHEREAS, Eastern’s Student Government Association has recently asked for the same change, and

WHEREAS, Speech classes study communication in intrapersonal, interpersonal, small group, and public speaking settings, and

THEREFORE, We, the Associated Student Government of Western Kentucky University, being duly elected to represent the best interests of the student body, due strongly urge the University to change its requirements of general education by making one of the four speech classes a required class before graduation.

THEREFORE, The speech class (either 145, 149, 161, or 345) be added not to burden the student body but to add to the advancement of our education.
THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we the Associated Student Government recommend this needed change be implemented in the Undergraduate catalog as soon as possible.

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