RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

According to the bylaws of the university, the “…functions of the University Faculty shall be to consider questions of educational policy which concern more than one college, school or separate academic unit, or are general in nature…”

Responsibility of: Committee on Educational Policy. The committee considers matters of general educational policy relating to instruction that concern more than one college, school or separate academic unit, including, but not limited to grades and grading policies, preliminary and final examination policies, the academic calendar, and the class schedule and hours of instruction. It reports to the Faculty Senate.

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Dean Stein reported on the background for this resolution at the May 1997 meeting, namely that the Residence Requirement was difficult to meet by employees in the Employee Degree Program. As a result, the Educational Policy Committee came up with the following resolution.

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual best interests of Cornell University and its staff to provide for the continued development of its employees, and

WHEREAS, the Employee Degree Program is a valuable component of that effort,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the residence requirement for a Cornell undergraduate degree, as adopted by the University Faculty on June 8, 1932 and November 14, 1962, be amended, as provided below, to reflect the special circumstances of participants in the Employee Degree Program.

Residence Requirements for All Candidates

A candidate for an undergraduate degree of Cornell University shall be required to spend the last two terms in residence at this University, except that, with the consent of the college faculty concerned, a candidate may carry on the work of either or both of these terms in absentia, provided that before receiving the degree he/she pass such examination or make such report as the faculty supervising his/her work may require, and that during the period of absence, he/she be registered as a student of this University and pay a fee of such an amount as the Board of Trustees may fix. This residence and registration requirement shall not apply to a candidate carrying on work away from Cornell University, and with the prior approval of the college faculty concerned, when such work is equivalent
to eight semester hours credit or less. Cornell employees participating in the Employee Degree Program are exempted from these residency requirements.

The resolution was adopted.