

May 1, 1992

Call to order.

Roll Call:

Chairperson:	Jack Gaston	Fraser Valley University College
Secretary:	Donna Lomas	East Kootenay Community College
Attending:	Bob Koepke	Simon Fraser University
	Tom Roulstone	Northern Lights College
	Peter Weber	Northwest College
	Alex Popovich	Kwantlen College
	Jacqueline Gresko	Douglas College
	Clarence Karr	Malaspina University College
	Bill Sloan	Selkirk College
	Eric Nellis	Okanagan University College
	George Davison	New Caledonia College
	Patricia Roy	University of Victoria
	Towser Jones	Capilano College
	Simo Nurme	North Island College
	Bill French	University of BC
	Richard Kuriel	Cariboo University College
	Sharon Mein	O.L.A.
	Wendie Nelson	Langara, V.C.C.

AGENDA: Approved as presented.

MINUTES OF MAY 1991 MEETING: Approved

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- A. **Library Survey:** Eric Nellis presented his report (attached to the minutes.) General conclusions: there is a growing disparity amongst the two year colleges who are being asked to provide the same quality of service with the same means and larger student populations.

Discussion: The point was made that all institutions are having difficulty providing enough resources for their libraries. The universities also reported that their libraries were deteriorating especially in the areas of journals and buying multiple copies of texts. Specifically, the high cost of science journals seem to be effecting the number of arts journals. All of this will affect the ability of the universities to provide inter library loan support.

MOTION:

The History Articulation committee notes that a serious state of underfunding exists in all post-secondary library acquisition and processing budgets which is particularly devastating to two year colleges. We request that the situation be addressed because to historians the library is equivalent to a science lab and the inequity of funding will result in inferior education which will affect transfer credits. Further, the committee would like to point out that inter-library loans and electronic means are not capable of filling the void.
(Malaspina/CNC) unanimous

The committee suggested that copies of this motion should be sent to the appropriate people in their colleges - including board members.

- B. **Letter to SFU Regarding Transfer Students:** The chair reported that a letter was sent to SFU and the university acknowledged that they heard the concern. However, the policy discriminating against transfer students remains in place. Transfer students must achieve a higher standard than direct entry students.

DISCUSSION: This issue resulted in a discussion around grades and specifically the marking of history assignments especially when looking at the issue of students obtaining scholarships or transferring to the other institutions.

The Universities pointed out that some departments were moving towards higher standards which in some cases was making it difficult for third year students to declare as majors.

- C. **Letter to Liaison Dean on Articulation Funding:** Chair reported that articulation money is provided by the Ministry but each institution deals with this funding on an individual basis. It was pointed out by some committee members that there was clearly a limited amount of funds.

2. **Report on the Meetings of Articulation Chairs: (See attached Principles and Guidelines)**

- A. The chair expressed some concern that making changes on issues such as the status of transfer students is a drawn out process since articulation matters rely a great deal on persuasion.
- B. There is a proposal to set up a central registry for listing computer software that might be useful for the teaching of history.

Discussion:

The committee clearly supported this idea and it was suggested that when setting up this registry that instructors also include a few comments concerning their experiences with the software - is it user friendly, etc.

- C. The issue of transfer credit (previously discussed).
- D. Dispute resolution: Procedure if a dispute over articulating a specific course arises: this is still a vague area but, this committee see's itself as the place to help settle disputes.

3. **Department Reports:**

Each College was asked to fill out a survey sheet. Those received have been attached). Capilano requested that each college declare whether they are linked with the humanities or social sciences.

EAST KOOTENAY: Reported that history was part of the University Transfer division - no distinction is made as to whether humanities or social science. Reported that five sections of history were run in the fall and winter semesters with all classes being full or very close to being full.

NORTH ISLAND: Reported that they were expanding offerings at a number of campuses but, negotiations around a first contract will effect offerings in the near future. There are three faculty members teaching history courses and an effort to offer both first and second year was being made. At North Island College history is a humanity.

CAPILANO: History is part of the social science division. Offered 22 sections last year with two full time and two part time instructors. Budget is a concern at Capilano and some concerns were expressed about whether history would experience some cutbacks.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA: Reported two new hirings to bring the department to 23 full time and 11 part time instructors. Maximum enrollments varied between 45-50 lecture courses and 15-18 seminar courses. It was also reported that transfer students were still welcome. No major curriculum changes.

COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA: History is part of the UT Arts division. The department offered 19 sections of history with two full time instructors and one part time. Some concern over the impact of the proposed University of Northern BC was expressed.

OKANAGAN: History is considered a humanity and part of the UT Arts division. Department consists of eight full time and three part time instructors. Offerings will soon be expanded to include UBC's international relations program. The department has decided to limit class enrollment to 30 per section.

CARIBOO: History is a humanity. Reported that there has been capital expansion but there have been no new funds for additional personnel. The department hopes to introduce a history majors program in the 93-94 year. It was also reported that Cariboo was moving to a minimum GPA of 2.0 for high school students entering the college for the first time.

SELKIRK: History is in the social science division. Enrollments have been increasing 10-20% over the last 4 years. Eight sections of history were offered last year. Reported that the department was faced with eroding resources. Pointed out that the funding formula for small interior colleges was part of the problem.

MALASPINA: History is considered a humanity. The University College has experienced a great deal of growth and wait list are developing for courses. The department consists of four full time and four part time instructors. The college is starting to review entry requirements as a way of dealing with the numbers. Forty-eight sections of history were offered last year.

O.L.A.: History belongs to the humanities group. Sixteen courses were enrolled for about 700 students. New money to develop more courses has become available and this will hopefully lead to a majors in history. Announced that new television support for Post Confederation Canada will be available on the Knowledge Network either in September or January of next year.

The Open Learning Agency has offered to host the articulation in its new location next year. The offer was gratefully accepted.

LANGARA: Was not sure how history was classified at the college. Currently the department has 5 full time and one part time instructors. Forty-three sections of history were offered last year, fully subscribed. Some concern about library resources was expressed.

DOUGLAS: History is part of the humanities division. The department has 3 full time and two part time instructors. Thirty-eight sections of history were offered over twelve months. Reported that Douglas has new admission requirements that are in response to growing numbers. There was also some concern expressed over library resources in satellite centres - the point was made that history courses in the centers still need to be supported with good library resources.

KWANTLEN: Has been experiencing rapid expansion. The department has three full time instructors. Thirty-six sections were offered last year. There is the possibility of increasing this number another three sections to meet the growing demand. Concern over library resources was also expressed. History is part of the social science division.

NORTHWEST: Two full time instructors spend 30-40% of their time teaching history. No part time instructors. Ten sections were offered last year. Enrollment is limited to thirty-six per section. History is part of the UT division.

UNIVERSITY OF B.C.: Sixty-two courses over seventy sections were offered this past year by 35 full time instructors including sessionals. It is expected that the department will be cut back this coming academic year. Two new appointments were made this year. It was also reported that a number of changes were being made in the graduate program. Currently, classes range between 40-45 students but there is some discussion to move to larger first year classes.

NORTHERN LIGHTS: History is part of the University Transfer division. This year four sections of history per semester was offered by 1 full time instructor and one part time instructor. Markers are not used and about 172 students register annually.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY: Reported that a new Dean of Arts was being hired. As well, it was also reported that curriculum changes in upper level European and Middle East history were being implemented. The department hired 3 new people this year but, cut backs in the number of sessionals may result in fewer classes next year. It was also reported that faculty were under some pressure to drop their upper level tutorials.

FRASER VALLEY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: In cooperation with Simon Fraser will start to offer upper level courses in the Fall. It is expected that they will offer a double minor degree but the hope is to move to a majors degree within five years. It is expected that the department will include two new positions. To accommodate the anticipated demand more lower division sections will be offered. It was also reported that there is a good working relationship with Simon Fraser.

4. **UBC Curriculum Changes:**
Discussion around proposed changes to lower division courses History 237 and 203. UBC reported that an attempt was being made to introduce courses that fit a comparative mode. The changes have yet to be implemented.
5. **University College Issues:**
Cariboo raised the issue of independence for university colleges. It was suggested that legislative changes allowing for free standing university colleges would soon occur. A number of questions evolving around funding, structure and prerequisites was raised. It was pointed out that there was some support to see Cariboo University College independent by 1993.

6. **Social Studies in the High School Program:**

Discussion evolved around the proposed changes to the history course in the high school graduation program. It was pointed out that the implementation of the Year 2000 program was resulting in courses of instruction that attempted to accomplish too many things without preserving the integrity of separate academic disciplines. In short, the proposed changes did not support the need for detailed context in specific courses. It was also suggested that this lack of specific courses could result in students coming to the colleges and universities feeling intimidated because they lack specific knowledge in core courses.

MOTION:

That the history articulation committee coordinate its efforts with the Geography articulation committee and the Social Studies Teachers Association to protest the continued implementation of the Year 2000 program and, work together to preserve the individual integrity of the academic courses of history and geography in the high school graduation program.

Douglas/Cariboo
Unanimous

7. **Update on UNBC:**

It was reported that UNBC would be quick starting some of its courses in the coming year and that very little consultation has taken place between the university and the colleges if these courses were to be offered.

Eric Nellis and the Okanagan University College History Department are to be thanked for their hospitality which included a wonderful Barbecue by the Lake.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5 PM.