

HISTORY ARTICULATION MEETING

MAY 7, 1993

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON: Jack Gaston Fraser Valley University College

SECRETARY: Donna Lomas East Kootenay Community College

ATTENDING: Simo Nurme North Island College
Robin Fisher University of Northern B.C.
Bob Koepke Simon Fraser University
David Holm College of New Caledonia
Frank Leonard Douglas
Robert Campbell Capilano
Tom Roulstone Northern Lights
Tom Thorner Kwantlen
Rick Lord Programs Branch Min. of Ed.
Wendie Nelson Langara
Patrick Dunae Malaspina University College
Sharon Meen Open Learning Agency
Andrew Yarmie University College of the Cariboo
Patricia Roy University of Victoria
Bonnie Huskins Fraser Valley University College
Eric Davis Fraser Valley University College
Clarence Bolt Camosun College
Bill Sloan Selkirk College
Eric Nellis Okanagan University College
Jay McGilvery Council-Liaison (Douglas College)
Al Friske Min. of Ed.

REGRETS: Peter Weber Northwest College

AGENDA: APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

MINUTES OF MAY 1, 1992 MEETING: APPROVED.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The chair thanked Sharon Meen and Open Learning Agency for hosting the meeting. The Chair then introduced Al Friske and Rick Lord from the Ministry of Education. Jay McGilvery of Douglas was also introduced. It was noted by the chair that this was an historic meeting because of the attendance of Robin Fisher as the first Chair of the history department at UNBC.

CURRICULUM 2000:

A short presentation was made by Rick Lord and Al Friske in response to last year's motion in regards to the proposed changes in the High School curriculum. Mr. Lord addressed the 1992 History Articulation motion by pointing out that the year 2000 proposals have yet to be implemented and indeed, consultation on changes are still taking place and no definite changes are to be in place until April 1994. The consultation process is still underway. Mr. Lord commented that the direction the committee is moving in indicates that Social Studies II will remain as a compulsory component for graduation. (Mr. Lord told the committee that copies of the new framework are available through his office.) In addition to traditional grade XII courses such as History 12 and Western Civilization 12, there is also a proposal for a new multi-discipline course called "Society and the Individual". This course proposal may include the opportunity to include some local concerns. This proposal is still in the discussion phase and would be open to a wide variety of disciplines.

Mr. Lord told the Committee that he would be visiting all the Colleges to provide information and address concerns.

At the end of Mr. Lord's report there was a brief discussion around the aims and goals of the year 2000.

Al Friske focused his discussion on government exams. Pointed out that there is division over whether government exams should be used. Informed the committee that there are no proposed changes to the exam process through to the 1993-1994 period. Mr. Friske's report focused on the format of the exams and the subjects that are currently examined. In the area of exam structure Mr. Friske pointed out that there is a move to incorporate questions that involve more critical thinking skills. In the area of examination subjects, there are currently 15 disciplines with government exams. There is a move to expand the number of provincial exams but it is difficult to introduce change. In the area of credentials a great deal of discretion remains with the local school principal. There is a need to set standards so students have some guarantee that they have achieved a level of success.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED:

During the discussion the issue of student literacy was raised. Both Lord and Friske commented that there is a new accountability on the part of students to be more responsible for their learning. As well, can an examination deal with literacy? Friske pointed out that the Board of Examiners is reluctant to make changes and impose passing standards. This must still be done by the schools at the local level.

10:20:

The Chair thanked Mr. Lord and Mr. Friske. The Chair commented that the proposed new "Issues and Society" course would be welcomed as a positive addition to the traditional disciplines of history and geography.

Before leaving Mr. Lord stated that Graham Dickson will be the liaison person between the Ministry of Education and the Institutions.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST YEAR'S MINUTES:

MOTION:

The History Articulation Committee wishes to voice its concern over the lack of government funding for post-secondary institutions. Current budgetary constraints are jeopardizing a wide spectrum of institutional operations. Specifically, library acquisitions and student support services, additional sections of courses designed to handle growing waiting lists, and attendance at articulation meetings have been seriously affected by this lack of funding. The History Articulation Committee urges the government to maintain and improve the high quality of post-secondary education in B.C. institutions by making post-secondary education a budgetary priority.

East Kootenay/Committee

MOTION:

TO TABLE THE ABOVE MOTION UNTIL LATER IN THE AGENDA.

Douglas/Capilano

BUSINESS ARISING:

- 1) Library Resources: Jack reported that the four university colleges struck a committee to report on library needs. This committee is currently discussing with the Ministry the question of whether startup funding should be continued to help improve collections.
- 2) Student Transfer: Jack reported that the Associate Degree has been put forward by the Ministry as a way of maximizing transfers to third year. Students would be encouraged to stay two years in the college and then transfer. It is not clear how the universities will respond. Simon Fraser has said that students with the Associate Degree will be given priority amongst transfer students.

DISCUSSION:

It was pointed out that UBC will not give special recognition to the Associate Degree. There was some questioning of the value of the degree in terms of helping students to transfer to university.

The issue of an Associate Arts degree in history was also raised. Colleges can make recommendations to help focus their students into a particular discipline. Camosun was moving in this direction.

The issue of block transfer was also discussed. It was agreed that it will take time before the value of the Associate of Arts Degree can be assessed either as a terminating degree or as a way of transferring.

AGENDA CHANGE:
ITEM 9 BROUGHT FORWARD.

Okanagan raised the issue of unassigned credit. The committee needs to be aware that too many exotic or varying courses that do not have direct assigned credit are not in the student's best interest. Pointed out that students are starting to complain about having too many unassigned credit courses on their transcripts.

Capilano pointed out that the problem can be made worse if the unassigned credit does not have a year attached.

The committee agreed that more discussion on this issue was necessary.

AGENDA CHANGE:
ITEM 7 BROUGHT FORWARD.

Robin Fisher reported on UNBC. Robin thanked the committee for the invitation. Reported that he was appointed chair in October, 1992. UNBC will open in the Fall of 1994 with about 150 faculty and 1500 students. Robin reported that there will be an emphasis on history with the department starting with eight positions. The department will focus on northern history, women's history, native history and international history. UNBC was working on block transfer for students with an Associate Degree from the northern colleges. The intent is to develop graduate programs in areas of strength.

Eric Nellis congratulated Robin Fisher and the program. The committee concurred.

DISCUSSION:

Robin commented on the resources. It was expected that the library would have 90-100,000 volumes. The library will concentrate its resources. There will be an emphasis on technology. The quick start program is underway and has met with mixed success.

AGENDA ITEM 6:
DEPARTMENT REPORTS.
FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL REPORTS PLEASE CONSULT THE
ENCLOSED TABLE.

Okanagan reported that 20 students in history will graduate this June. UBC's international relations program will start in the Fall of 93. Institutional relations with China were established during the previous year.

AGENDA CHANGED:
ITEM 10 BROUGHT FORWARD.

Okanagan announced that the B.C. Studies Conference will be held in Kelowna in 1994. The theme of the conference will be Native Studies. The committee congratulated Okanagan.

SELKIRK:

Reported that enrollments are up between 10-12% and the department is stable.

CAMOSUN:

Reported that Canadian history offerings have been expanded but no new courses are anticipated in the near future. There are waiting lists for courses.

FRASER VALLEY:

Reported two new appointments. Access dollars were also allowing for the expansion of the library resources.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA:

Reported that enrollments are stable and the department was experimenting with a new workload configuration in the Fall of 93.

CARIBOO:

Reported that they were expanding upper level offerings in European history. The history majors program has obtained final approval and is starting in the Fall. Library funding is an on-going problem and cutbacks are expected. New lower level offerings in Medieval history and a European survey will be upcoming.

OPEN LEARNING AGENCY:

Reported that 15% of OLA's total enrollment were history students. During 93/94 OLA will be working with UNBC to prepare courses that are shaped by UNBC's curriculum.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued over OLA's mandate to absorb turn aways from other institutions.

BREAK FOR LUNCH: 12 - 1 PM

TOUR OF OLA'S TELEVISION FACILITIES 1 - 2 PM.

2 P.M.:

MOTION:

That the secretary write a letter of thanks to Mike Potter of OLA for his tour of the television facilities. The letter will be cc: to Ron Harrington, director of T.V. operations.

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unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

MALASPINA:

Reported that a new contract will be affecting class size. The department was also placing a new emphasis on the use of computers. MALASPINA HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HOST THE 1994 ARTICULATION MEETING.

LANGARA:

Reported that they were looking forward to Langara becoming a free standing institution in April 1994. The history department is stable.

KWANTLEN:

Reported that the new campus in Langley will be open soon. Some new second year offerings are being developed. Expressed some concern that the Associate Degree was to some extent dictating timetables and offerings in history.

NORTHERN LIGHTS:

Reported that they were looking forward to having an exchange instructor for a year. There is also the possibility of UNBC teaching upper level courses in some of Northern Lights locations next year.

CAPILANO:

Reported that they have just opened a new library that has been able to expand the collection. The department and enrollments are stable.

DOUGLAS:

Reported that they are moving in the direction of offering a weekend college to deal with waiting lists. Department is status quo and the courses are full.

C.N.C.:

Reported that it is difficult to plan for the future because it is not clear what affect UNBC will have in the coming years. Noted that faculty were concerned about job security. It was reported that discussions are taking place at the administration level to share expertise with UNBC.

S.F.U.:

Reported that the University will be getting a new President next year who is a historian. The university is concerned about access and the demand to teach more students with the same money. New minor program in the Humanities that may be expanded into a majors program.

NORTH ISLAND:

Moving towards three main campuses. Port Alberni will have a new campus by September 94. Negotiations for a first contract are just about complete.

EAST KOOTENAY:

Reported that an additional section of history was offered this year. The department is stable and enrollments are up.

NORTHWEST:

The Chair read a report from Peter Weber. Peter sent his regrets that he was unable to attend because his college would not provide the funds necessary.

DISCUSSION:

The issue of funding articulation was discussed. The Chair reported that he brought it to the attention of Grant Fisher, B.C. Council on Admissions and Transfer. Fisher reported that the Ministry is not prepared to target dollars as this might be seen as encroaching on the autonomy of the colleges.

MOTION:

The History Articulation committee directs the Chair to write a letter to Grant Fisher requesting that the funding of articulation meetings be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the chairs of articulation committees. It was further requested that the letter inquire in as much as the Ministry provided funds to all institutions for articulation meetings whether a college's decision not to fund articulation committees constitutes in principle a misdirection of funds? The letter will be copied to the Ministry and the Board of Northwest College.

Douglas/Camosun approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8:**LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR SATELLITE CAMPUSES****MOTION:**

College/University History courses, even at the introductory survey level, require the intensive use of college/university library resources. To complete successfully with History students at institutions or locations with established library resources, History students at satellite and/or new locations require:

1. Dependable electronic access to library catalogue of parent/institution.
2. Prompt, no charge intercampus book circulation/loan service with library of parent institution.
3. Course-based book collection (hard copy or electronic) with the following general characteristics:
 - a) housed near classroom
 - b) accessible to students before and/or after class time.
 - c) reserved for college/university students during course semester.
 - d) minimum of 200 relevant titles for each first or second year course.
minimum of 400 relevant titles for upper level course.
Instructor should play a role in selection of titles.

Where these conditions cannot be met at satellite/new locations, the institution should consult with members of the History department with a view to either:

- a) purchase and use of OLA-type course packages for each student.
- b) creation of CD ROM package which contains the book collection noted above as well as relevant films and videos.

Douglas/Camosun approved.

AGENDA ITEM 11:
NEW BUSINESS TABLED MOTION

MOTION TO LIFT FROM THE TABLE.

Camosun/Cariboo approved.

DISCUSSION ENSUED AROUND THE TABLED MOTION.

MOTION AMENDED TO READ:

The History Articulation Committee wishes to voice its concern over the allocation of government funding for post-secondary institutions. Current budget emphasis on non student service priorities are jeopardizing a wide spectrum of institutional operations. Specifically, library acquisitions and student support services, additional sections of courses designed to handle growing waiting lists, and attendance at articulation meetings have been seriously affected by the allocation of funding and the directing of educational dollars to non educational services. The History Articulation committee urges the government to maintain, improve and standardize the high quality of post-secondary education in B.C. by making post-secondary education a budgetary priority.

14 approved.
2 opposed.
1 abstention.

AGENDA ITEM 12:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIR: Donna Lomas, East Kootenay acclamation

SECRETARY: Patricia Roy, University of Victoria acclamation

Committee passed a motion thanking Sharon Meen and OLA for hosting the meeting.

Committee passed a motion thanking Jay McGilvery for his contributions to the meeting.

Committee passed a motion thanking Jack Gaston for his hard work as Chair of the committee for the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT: 4 P.M.