

History Articulation Meeting

25 May 1995

University of Northern British Columbia
Prince George, B.C.

Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Donna Lomas, East Kootenay Community College

Secretary: Patricia Roy, University of Victoria

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Attending:

Rhoda Friedrichs, Douglas College

Tom Roulstone, Northern Lights College

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John Hart, Northwest Community College

Eric Davis, University College of the Fraser Valley

Andrea Smith, Langara College

Bob McDonald, University of British Columbia

Towser Jones, Capilano College

Douglas Cole, Simon Fraser University

Simo Nurme, North Island College

David Holm, College of New Caledonia and Open Learning

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John Belshaw, University College of the Cariboo

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Robin Fisher, University of Northern British Columbia

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Thor Frohn-Nielsen, Kwantlen College

Clarence Bolt, Camosun College

Elizabeth Peerless, Douglas College

Regrets:

Bill Sloan, Selkirk College

1. Agenda: Moved J. Belshaw; seconded, T. Jones: that it be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Introductions.

3. Minutes of 6 May 1994

Moved: R. McDonald; seconded, T. Jones: that they be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. D. Lomas wrote to the Ministry concerning library acquisitions and the funding of articulation meetings. The Ministry replied that each institution is responsible for funding attendance at articulation meetings and for library acquisitions.

b. C. Bolt reported that a plaque in memory of Peter Weber would cost approximately \$160.00. Those attending the meeting were asked to contribute \$15.00 each and to ask interested colleagues to send donations to Clarence Bolt to cover the costs of the plaque and a tree to be planted at North West College.

5. Chair's Report

The year was quiet. Because the Council on Articulation and Transfer had changes in personnel and location, the Articulation Chairs did not meet.

Information on transfer credit will soon be available on the Internet.

The Council reminded Articulation Committees that they are not political or lobbying agencies.

6. Correspondence

a. Langara College has a program on Curriculum and Professional Development.

b. Connections '96, a conference on educational technology will be held at SFU-Harbourfront in May 1996.

7. Institutional Reports (See also the statistical appendix)

Douglas College may be making a new appointment when the Coquitlam campus opens in 1996. Telereg created problems by admitting ineligible students to second year classes.

Northern Lights successfully shares instructors with UNBC. Enrolment is down because the local economy has improved. A highlight of the year was the visit of Gwynne Dyer.

At **Okanagan**, History is one of the most successful departments. Registration is holding despite competition from an expanded program in Anthropology. There are waiting lists for next year's courses. History has links with International Relations and is developing a program with a Latin American focus.

Northwest has a new historian, John Hart.

Fraser Valley has a new appointment in East Asian history and a part-time one in Latin American. Beginning in September, a majors program will be offered in co-operation with SFU. History has 104 declared majors; English has 80. History is participating in developing programs in Women's Studies and the Pacific Rim. The overall number of students is about the same but there is a drop in first year Canadian history. The College expects its independence next year.

Langara's enrolment has levelled off but the Summer Session is full. A new building, to be ready in 1997, will relieve overcrowding.

UBC has declining enrolment in lower level courses. One department member retired and is not being replaced. The department also lost an appointment in American history. A successful lecture series on gender and history drew some faculty and students from other institutions. New courses in Gender and History in Europe are popular. A new Library building is under construction but journal subscriptions have been cut back.

Capilano is in a state of flux and administrative change. Although enrolment in academic courses is down slightly, History registrations are steady.

SFU has made an appointment in Chinese history; the new vice-president academic, David Gagan, is a Canadian historian; and the president, John Stubbs, teaches occasionally. A 20th Century U.S. historian has resigned. The department expects five retirements over the next five years and is working on a five year plan.

The department has re-organized its credit hour system. Starting in September 1995, 3rd and 4th year majors will take eight 300 or 400 level courses with four hours' value each rather than ten courses of three hours' value. Fraser Valley will also change. External appraisers indicated that reading loads were too heavy. The change should reduce pressure on class sizes.

Members of the Articulation Committee expressed concern about students transferring between SFU and other institutions. Since English and some other departments made a similar move some time ago, they may be able to offer guidance on transfer credit.

North Island is in a healthy situation.

Open University has been experiencing a serious decline in registration since last summer.. Its "Open Campus" means that History is available on line. Students may be able to submit essays on the internet.

New Caledonia had full classes in September 1994 but expects a decline in 1995-6.

Malaspina is preparing courses on the History of Childhood and in American History and hopes to expand its European offerings and add a History of Medicine. Second year courses

on First Nations and Asia are on the books but have not yet been taught. The department offers a B.A. General; the Majors program awaits ministry approval.

Compensation for reaching upper year courses is being reconsidered.

Successful lobbying led to an increase in the library budget. The department had a \$25,000 allocation last year.

Cariboo has renumbered some courses. Plans for autonomy include a move toward more comparative studies. Library resources continue to be a problem.

UNBC will soon have a new president, Charles Jago, a specialist in Spanish history. The department expects increased enrolment at the university. The department has about 60 majors and 8 M.A. students. A Ph.D. program is now before the Ministry.

The Headlines in History course has been popular. The department is revising its curriculum and plans a compulsory course on methodology.

Camosun reports that despite wait lists, it lost two sections this year and expects to lose another two. The administrative explanation is the cost of moving from temporary to permanent appointments.

Kwantlen is now an autonomous university but this may not mean any changes in the history program. Funding has been authorized for the construction of the Surrey Campus, Phase No. 2. History and Political Science are now separate departments. Tracy Kinney has joined the faculty.

Enrolment was down last fall but is rising again. Summer courses, offered on a cost recovery basis, have been successful.

East Kootenay is about to change its name to the College of the Rockies. Enrolment in History is steady despite lower registration in Arts because of an improved local economy. Because many students are not prepared for college work, some preparatory "099" courses are being planned.

At **Victoria**, Jim Hendrickson retired in December.

8. World Civilization Karl Koth asked for information about teaching such courses.

9. Transfer Credit for Upper Level Courses The meeting discussed the ACCUTE letter on transfer credit for English courses and its implications for History in the University Colleges. It was noted that the letter had had some positive effects in promoting an appreciation of scholarship but that some comments on the issue, taken out of context, could damage the reputations of graduates.

Moved, Koth; seconded, Belshaw

That the Articulation Committee:

a) Support the ACCUTE position that research is an integral part of teaching.

b) Contact the Canadian Historical Association to ascertain how we can best co-operate with them in pursuing this subject.

Carried (Unanimously)

Moved, Bolt; seconded, Davis:

That the Committee write to the presidents of the University Colleges to praise those who have encouraged research and remind all of them that research must be considered integral to good teaching.

Carried (Unanimously)

10. UNBC Articulation

It was noted that because students move back and forth among colleges, university colleges and universities, university courses should also be articulated with the colleges. This is particularly important for students seeking the Associate of Arts.

Moved, Belshaw; seconded, Karr

That the Articulation Committee write to the Ministry raising the question of credits for specific courses for students who move among the various institutions.

Carried (Unanimously)

11. Teaching Responsibilities Some discussion took place comparing the maximum sizes of sections and the overall number of students for which an individual instructor is responsible. (The data appears in the statistical table)

12. 1996 Meeting The invitation of Kwantlen University was accepted. It was suggested that the meeting be timed to fit with the Educational Technology Conference, 9-11 May 1996.

13. Elections Patricia Roy was elected to chair the committee. John Belshaw was elected Secretary.

14. Thanks

a. The Committee expressed its appreciation to Donna Lomas for her work on the executive over the past four years.

b. The Committee thanked Robin Fisher and the University of Northern British Columbia for their hospitality.