

Minutes of the History Articulation Committee meeting, April 2, 1971

The meeting was held at Vancouver City College, and opened by the chairman, Mrs. Margaret Andrews of Capilano College. The following were present:

Mr. D. Owen, College of New Caledonia
Mr. J. E. Hendrickson, University of Victoria
Miss P. Roy, University of Victoria
Mrs. J. Gresko, Douglas College
Mr. G. Porbes, Douglas College
Mr. D. Franklin, Academic Board for Higher Education in B.C.
Mr. R. Carter, Vancouver City College
Mr. G. Sylvester, Vancouver City College
Mr. B. Brill, Vancouver City College
Mr. A. Scott, Okanagan College
Mr. J. Wright, Simon Fraser University
Mr. C. Bishop, Cariboo College
Mr. W. Ireland, Provincial Archivist
Mrs. J. Johnson, Selkirk College
Mr. C. Andrews, Selkirk College
Mr. J. Cooling, Malaspina College
Mrs. M. Andrews, Capilano College
Mr. C. Humphires, University of British Columbia

I The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as circulated and without alteration.

II Business Arising

A. Mr. Willard Ireland, Provincial Archivist

Mr. Willard Ireland, Provincial Archivist of the Province of British Columbia, offered an opening statement for general discussion on the subject of archives and college materials. Mr. Ireland advised the members present to avoid becoming participants in a museum. He further urged the colleges and universities not to permit students to handle the originals of documents which they had in their possession. On the subject of the sale of xerox prints of archives materials to the colleges for the purpose of instruction in local history courses, Mr. Ireland pointed out that xeroxing was charged against an archives fund, but that the revenues derived from this service went to the consolidated revenues of the province and not back to the archives. This meant that when the xerox funds of the archives were exhausted in any given year all xeroxing for colleges had to stop.

Mr. Andrews pointed out that Selkirk College was already in possession of the City of Trail Archives, some Cominco material and some material from a Castlegar sawmill company. He pointed out that the material was in a safe place but that college students were permitted to handle it. The cataloguing of this material remains to be done; but he was hopeful that funds would be found for this purpose. Mr. Andrews indicated that Selkirk was prepared to present this material to the archives if the archives could give xerox copies of the material to Selkirk; at present, however, the cost of such a programme prevented its implementation and, for the time being, Selkirk would remain as a repository.

Mr. Bishop said that Cariboo College worked on its Local History programme with the Kamloops Museum. He noted that fragile material had already taken quite a beating and that copies would have to be used in future in order to protect these materials. One difficulty which he faced was that the Museum was not particularly research-oriented.

Mr. Ireland expressed concern about students handling primary material whether it was for research or organizational purposes.

Mr. Hendrickson pointed out that xeroxing was absolutely essential because use of the original material would produce wear and tear and, ultimately, loss.

Mr. Ireland noted that finances were the key to these problems of protection of original material and the ordering of large volumes of material from the archives.

Mr. Andrews suggested that the colleges should notify the Provincial Archives of any material which was deposited with them.

Mr. Ireland agreed with this and said that proprietary right could be settled after notification and that the National Union Catalogue should be informed.

Mr. Sylvester said that the xeroxing operation could be done in one of three ways: first, by a private firm contracting to xerox material and charging the receiving institution; second, by consortium of colleges working out financial arrangements; third, by the government providing the necessary funds to do an adequate job.

Mr. Ireland suggested that a relatively small floating fund would be needed in order to get the xeroxing started. Money from xerox charges would then be returned to the fund rather than to the general revenues of the province.

It was moved by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Bishop that the History Articulation Committee inform Mr. Andrew Soles, Superintendent of Educational Administration, Post-Secondary Schools, Department of Education, Victoria, and the Honourable Wesley Black, Provincial Secretary, of the desirability of securing adequate funding for the reproduction of historical materials deposited in the Public Archives of British Columbia, in order to facilitate the teaching of students in the field of Local History and to preserve the original materials.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hendrickson and seconded by Mr. Sylvester that, in the event of the acquisition of any history materials by a college or university in British Columbia, the receiving institution must forward a description of the materials to the Public Archives of British Columbia; that the Public Archives of British Columbia shall then determine what information to send on to the National Union Catalogue; that the Public Archives of British Columbia shall inform all History Departments of colleges and universities of the location of this acquisition; and that the Public Archives of British Columbia shall have first claim of such materials, assuming that the receiving institution can be provided with a duplication.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Bishop that the executive of the Articulation Committee be instructed to invite, by letter through the academic board, Mr. Andrew Soles, Superintendent of Education Administration Post-Secondary Schools, Department of Education, Victoria, and the Honourable Wesley Black, Provincial Secretary to the next meeting of the History Articulation Committee. Should these gentlemen be prepared to attend this meeting, the purpose of the discussion with them would be to discover a means of funding (a) the costs of duplicating materials presently in the Public Archives in B.C. and (b) the costs of reproducing acquisitions by the libraries of the Regional Colleges of historical materials.

Carried unanimously.

In summation it was the general consensus of the meeting, with the exception of Mr. Andrews, that only exceptional students should be permitted to use any primary materials in the Public Archives of British Columbia.

B. Committee on Faculty Exchange

The Committee on Faculty Exchange was a subject of brief discussion which primarily served to remind everyone that the Committee was still in existence and hopeful of exchanges in addition to the one between U.B.C. and Vancouver City College.

C. & D. Transferability of Credits and University Requirements

The subjects of transferability of credits and university requirements were next discussed. Mr. Wright said that there were course changes for the fall semester at Simon Fraser University. He circulated a document outlining these changes and offered some words of explanation.

Mr. Humphries circulated two pamphlets describing the first and third and fourth year history offerings at U.B.C., and also a description of the honours requirements.

Mr. Hendrickson dealt with the requirements of the University of Victoria's education faculty in regards to Canadian History.

E. Tracing of College Students

Mr. Wright stated that the tracing of college students can be done at Simon Fraser University by using the computer and said that the institution was examining the possibility of doing this.

Mr. Humphries said that the tracing of college students at U.B.C. was already under way in some departments.

Mr. Hendrickson said that the University of Victoria had done nothing on this matter as yet but saw it as a useful project.

Mr. Andrews objected vigorously to the tracing of college students at the university level and the assessing of their performance.

Mr. Bishop and Mr. Sylvester indicated that they were favourably disposed to tracing.

Mr. Franklin said that the Academic Board had not worked out a general tracing system. He further noted that there were serious problems connected to the overall question of tracing and the revelation of information that was thus acquired.

Mr. Hendrickson noted that it was a relatively easy matter for universities to get this information and that, if the colleges wanted this information, then they should be able to ask for information about their own former students.

Mr. Andrews expressed the opinion that the public revelation of the achievements of college students at the university level would produce division and competition among the colleges.

Mr. Brill and Mr. Porbes felt that the colleges were entitled to seek information on how their former students were performing.

Mr. Hendrickson said that in counselling students the colleges surely needed information on how their former students had performed at the universities

Mr. Wright moved and Mr. Sylvester seconded that the question of tracing be tabled until the next meeting or such time as there are fuller reports available from universities on their activities and results in tracing college students.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Franklin noted there was a question here of privacy of information.

Mr. Bishop moved and Mr. Andrews seconded that information concerning history students be privileged information for the use only of the college from which the students came.

Carried Unanimously.

F. CBC History Films

Mr. Bishop moved and Mr. Sylvester seconded that the committee request the Academic Board to ask the C.B.C. to hasten the release of history films.

Carried unanimously.

III New Business

A. Proposed Summer Institute in History

Mrs. Andrews began the discussion by pointing out that there was a danger of the college staff becoming somewhat insulated and/or isolated in their field and that, in order to avoid this, there was a possibility that a summer institute in history might be held at Simon Fraser University possibly every five years. She posed the question of whether or not the members of the Articulation Committee were interested. She pointed out that among the things that the

institute could cover would be new teaching techniques, new research methods and results, and recent developments in the historical field.

Mr. Bishop felt there was more benefit to personal development from a summer of research than from a summer institute. He said, however, that he would attend such an institute provided it would not preclude taking a leave from his institution.

Mr. Wright said that the institute might be staged every 5 to 7 years and pointed out that it had been put forward as an idea because it was felt that college faculty had a great deal of their time absorbed by teaching which could prevent them from keeping up-to-date. The summer institute would help to remedy this situation.

Mrs. Greško said that she was willing to go and saw it as a valuable aid.

Mr. Hendrickson wondered about the members who might go and if it would be a viable arrangement. He pointed out that within a year's time Victoria might be the host for a Northwest History Conference and that the Articulation Committee could meet at that time and that this might provide the basis for some professional development.

Generally there was a lack of enthusiasm for the summer institute and that lack of enthusiasm would be reported to Professor John Hutchison of the Academic Board and the Simon Fraser History Department.

There was, however, enthusiasm for Mr. Hendrickson's idea of trying to fit in an Articulation Committee meeting with the Northwest History Conference Programme.

B. Representation of Colleges and Universities on the Committee

There was general and hearty agreement that the Articulation Committee needed to meet twice a year in order to discuss such subjects as transferability of credits, university requirements, the teaching of history and the initiation of cooperative action in the field of history in British Columbia.

C. The "Challenge" Procedure

Mr. Andrews wondered if any institution had accepted the challenge procedure.

Mr. Humphries said that there was no arrangements for it in the U.B.C. History Department.

Mr. Hendrickson said that arrangements had been made for Challenge procedure at the University of Victoria for exceptional students but, as yet, no one had gone through by this system. He also doubted that the University of Victoria would accept a college student who had passed through his college by way of the challenge procedure.

Mr. Wright said that Simon Fraser University had talked about the challenge procedure and then discarded it as a concept.

D. Future Meeting

The Articulation Committee has been invited by Selkirk College to meet in Castlegar on October 15, 1971.

Mr. Bishop moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Carried Unanimously.

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N.B. Would you please send items which you wish to have placed on an agenda for the fall meeting to the Secretary by September 15, 1971.