

BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORY ARTICULATION MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 & SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1981.

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Campus*

The business meeting of the History Articulation Committee was called to order in the late afternoon of Friday, March 20. The first items were announcements of coming conferences. Robin Fisher gave October 29, 30 as the dates for the B.C. Studies conference at SFU. The Articulation meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28. Jim Hendrickson provided information about the Pacific Northwest Conference to be held this spring.

Members discussed a presentation by Ian Parker of the Social Studies Curriculum Revision Committee made earlier in the afternoon. Mr. Parker had described in detail the process used to develop the curriculum, which made provision for considerable input. The Education Ministry had directed the committee to make recommendations that would establish achievements to be expected in each year of the program. He suggested that members of the History Articulation Committee who had reservations about the intent to standardize should refer their questions to Dr. Gerry Musio. Outlines for the Grade 12 History elective have been prepared and sent to the Ministry and will be sent to the Articulation Committee for further reaction when they have been returned to the Social Studies Curriculum Committee by the Ministry but the major work of the Committee has been completed. After considerable discussion it was moved by Hugh Campbell, seconded by Andrew Yarmi that we express deep concern about the proposed Social Studies 12 elective and the lack of involvement of this committee in curriculum revision. Carried. Jim Hendrickson suggested that we make representations directly to the Minister and Bob Smith suggested becoming involved with teachers in our area.

The business continued on Saturday, March 21st. Randy Potts said that two points had been compressed in the minutes and should be separated. The Academic Council had not been an advocate of academic programs and it has not supported funding for curriculum development. The minutes, as amended, were moved by Alan Seager and seconded by Robert Campbell. Carried.

Dr. McTaggart-Cowan's letter to the Articulation Committee was discussed and Bob Smith provided some background to explain the matters of concern to our members and Dr. McTaggart-Cowan's reaction to the minutes of our last meeting. Jim Hendrickson suggested that we acknowledge the letter and thank him for clarifying his position. Bob Smith agreed to get in touch by telephone as well as by letter.

Moved by Frank Leonard, seconded by Hugh Johnson that we extend an invitation for next fall to Dr. McTaggart-Cowan's successor.

After some discussion of problems which threaten second year courses and ways of dealing with them, it was moved by Randy Potts, seconded by Robert McDonald that we re-affirm our position that permanent records should reflect only final grades submitted on completion of courses and transfer credit be granted only on the basis of these permanent records. Carried.

Several announcements were made:

Northern Lights will host the Spring, 82 meeting. Articulation will coincide with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the building of the Alaska Highway.

Capilano College has articulated a B.C. history course.

Langara has revised course numbering for its offerings in history.

The meeting adjourned after thanks to the hosts for a very successful and interesting program.

Morag Maclachlan, Secretary.