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MINUTES

B.C. History Articulation Committee Meeting

University of Victoria
Victoria, B.C.
18th October, 1979.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. H. Campbell, President of the committee, at 10:20.
2. Mr. Campbell extended a welcome to all present and a special welcome to Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan, chairman of the Academic Council.
3. The minutes of the meetings of March 16 and 17, 1979 were circulated and approved (A. Artibise, C. Karr).
4. The treasurer's report was circulated and approved (A. Artibise, D. Cole).
5. Dr. McTaggart-Cowan reported on the activities of the Academic Council discussing its role in examining transfer programs, in the financing of the colleges and in monitoring new programs. He particularly stressed the importance of articulation committees and discussed the new Council document on articulation committees (copy attached).

A general discussion followed in which the following points were made:

- (i) The Council is attempting to restrict the use of assigning unassigned credit to students transferring from colleges to the universities.
- (ii) J. Hendrickson, M. MacLachlan and C. Karr pointed out that this development may not work necessarily to the advantage of history students. A memorandum on the subject will be prepared by the executive and submitted to the Council.
- (iii) The Council has no objection to having a representative of the B.C. Teacher's Federation on the articulation committee.
- (iv) Considerable concern was expressed about the impact of the Open Learning Institute upon community colleges. O.L.I. appears to be concentrating upon courses that are particularly popular at community colleges, thereby threatening enrolments, rather than on courses that would complement existing programs.
- (v) Funding for attendance at articulation committee meetings is inadequate at some institutions and the participants requested that the Council indicate that articulation meetings are important for the effective development of the various disciplines at both community college and university levels.

Mr. McTaggart-Cowan responded to these points and shared the concerns of the participants. He reminded them that O.L.I. was new and agreed that its focus should be supplementary to, not competitive with, other institutions. He also believed that colleges could be more aggressive in meeting students' needs and suggested that colleges had an important advantage in the direct contacts they could foster between faculty and students. Finally, he invited closer contact with instructors in the various disciplines and indicated that the Council visited campuses on a rotational basis.

6. The history departments of the universities then reported on their more important changes. There is a move to move half courses and a renumbering of first year courses at the University of Victoria. Chad Gaffield, a specialist in pre-Confederation Canadian and educational history has been appointed to a permanent position.

At Simon Fraser, an extensive revision of the history curriculum is underway, the public history programme is flourishing and there will be two new appointments, one in Western Canadian history, the other a joint appointment with Women's Studies.

At U.B.C. the changes of the last few years are completed and there will be an appointment in western Canadian history.

7. The colleges reported a series of changes.

At Selkirk a series of staff cuts have seriously affected offerings in Asian, local and Canadian history areas.

At Douglas new courses have been added in B.C. and nineteenth century British. The courses in Canadian, Women's and American history have been revised and courses with limited enrolments have been cut or are being rotated.

At Langara new courses are proposed in Chinese and British Imperial history.

North Island has added a course in World Civilization.

North West is adding two courses on local history and native history.

Camosun is adding a course on B.C. history.

Capilano will be adding courses on women's history and Canadian studies.

8. Dr. Jackman spoke on the Social Sciences Research Council and offered to help community college faculty members if they were encountering difficulties with the Council.

9. The locations for future meetings of the committee were discussed and the following agreed to :

Spring 1980 - Okanagan
Fall 1980 - Fraser Valley
Fall 1981 - Simon Fraser

The location for Spring 1981, was not decided upon.

10. Dr. R. Fowler, a participant in the curricular revision programme of the Department of Education addressed the meeting. He outlined the way in which the process of curricular revision is taking place. He then outlined the general pattern of the changes contemplated. His discussion sparked considerable discussion and led to a decision to devote the Spring 1980 meeting to a discussion of High School curriculum and to improving relations between the teachers of history at high schools, community colleges and universities.

11. After an arduous campaign and an inspiring address, Bob Smith was swept into office as secretary-treasurer.

Motion: W. Sloan, M. MacLachlan.

12. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 and the participants went to the Provincial Museum for a tour and a reception.

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