

MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE: 8:45 p.m., 25 October 1980, Terrace.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Leonard, Randy Potts, Ian MacPherson, Bob Smith, David Breen, George Porges, Peter Weber, Andrew Yarmi, Bob Campbell, Bill Sloan, Robin Fisher, Morag MacLachlan, Bob Taylor, and Clyde Tucker.

GUESTS: John Bovey (Provincial Archives) and Thelma Landon (Academic Council).

1. Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting in Kelowna were not circulated. The Secretary was directed to distribute the minutes of this and the previous two meetings (October 1979, March 1980, and October 1980).
2. K-11 Social Studies Curriculum Revision: Ian MacPherson reported that following our meeting in March 1980, he informed Ian Parker that we objected to the exclusion of history and geography as specific disciplines from the revision. Such exclusion, however, appears to be one of the objectives of the Curriculum Development branch. The revision remains the subject of scrutiny of "reaction panels" and this orientation may yet be ameliorated.
3. Grade 12 Social Studies Curriculum Revision: Ian reported that the preliminary work is under way and that Ian Parker wishes to attend our meeting in the spring of 1981 to discuss the matter.

The committee agreed that the proposed Grade 12 curriculum consist of historical problems arising from the period 1789-1914 of European history.

It was pointed out that the ability of teachers to offer history courses could be improved, there being so many of them without history degrees.

The new executive was directed to compose a concise proposal of the Grade 12 course and circulate to each member of the committee prior to our meeting in the spring.

4. Academic Council:

- a) Thelma Landon requested we send her our minutes.
- b) Some members reported they continue to underwrite expenses involved in attending articulation meetings from their departmental budgets. Ms. Landon agreed that Academic Council request college principals insure that funds granted for articulation purposes be made available to faculty and that we receive copies of Academic Council's letters so that we can apprise our administrative heads in the event there is some communication breakdown within our institutions.
- c) Ms. Landon reiterated Academic Council's concern that articulation committees continue to support their activities from special levies, that is, from college funds not designated for articulation. She granted, however, that we have some fair claims to support professional developmental activities from such sources as we are able to draw on. She indicated that Academic Council is prepared to

fund special projects undertaken by articulation committees. We noted that we collect funds from our members to distribute the cost of PD activities, and that these funds, in fact, come from budget categories designated for articulation (to the varying extents that we can draw upon them).

- d) Barker Report: Thelma assured us this report is considered by Academic Council as a discussion paper only, and that Academic Council still wishes to receive our views of it. The committee noted that the report singles out some second-year courses as too costly in view of low enrollments and that the Open Learning Institute has resurrected the idea of the OLI offering, in cooperation with the colleges, such second-year courses. The committee contends that colleges should be permitted to offer the courses and program they deem appropriate, and question the advisability of Academic Council's commissioning of such reports that focus on this or that "cost-ineffective" course. The committee informed Thelma that there has been a long history of Academic Council's reservations and suspicions concerning our second-year programs and that these feelings are taken seriously by our Deans, who are sometimes reluctant to consider second-year programs or courses in the way we do. Our second year courses are very important to us even when they are less numerously enrolled than we would prefer. In short, the continual questioning of second-year courses by Academic Council undermines the coherence of academic programs.

Thelma requested that we respond to the report by the end of November and promised to advise us of any decisions Academic Council may make concerning the report in its meeting in December 1980.

It was noted that enrollments have improved since the Barker report was prepared.

- e) The committee noted that Academic Council does not always appear to be our advocate, that it takes no stand before the public's eyes as such, and grants us no monies for curriculum development. Career and vocational programs receive such funds.
- f) Ms. Landon brought to our attention the Denison report, and reported that Academic Council was impressed with the variety of attractions university transfer courses have for college students.

5. Ian MacPherson stated that Macmillan will publish Margaret Ormsby's history of British Columbia in hard cover only and work a hardship on the students who are required to purchase it. The new chairman was directed to request Macmillan reissue the text in paperback.

6. Alaska Highway Conference: Curtis Nordman of Northern Lights College invites us to hold our Spring 1982 meeting at Dawson Creek, at which time papers commemorating the 40th anniversary of the road will be presented. Curtis requests we submit papers.

The committee accepted the invitation and directs the chairman to advise Curtis that the second week in May 1982 will be most convenient for us.

7. Spring 1981 Meeting: George Porges invites us to attend the spring meeting, hosted by Douglas College, at Harrison Hot Springs, and offered to invite Pauline Jewett, who would address us on a topic designed to enlarge our view of Canada's role in the world.

The committee accepted and advised George that the 20th and 21st of March would be convenient dates.

8. Election of New Executive: Bob Smith as secretary becomes Chairman. There being no university representative able to stand as a candidate for secretary, the committee departed from its custom of officers representing both the colleges and the universities and elected Morag MacLachlan as secretary.

The chairman was directed to write to the history department heads of the universities and request they consider the committee's desire that they maintain as much continuity of representation on this committee as possible.

9. Ian MacPherson informs us that we will soon receive announcement of the Pacific Northwest History Conference to be held in the spring of 1981 at University of Victoria.
10. The committee thanked Peter Weber of Northwest College for hosting the conference. Ian MacPherson was thanked for his year of service as chairman.