

MINUTES
Of The Meeting
Of
THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 29, 1980
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Room 215 Engineering Science

Present: Dr. Baldino Dr. Munro
 Dr. Hahn Dr. Kougl
 Dr. Hill Dr. Richley
 Dr. Khawaja

ACTIONS

1. The chairman called the meeting to order. He asked for the committee's consideration of the minutes.

There were no amendments suggested. Dr. Munro moved approval, and Dr. Khawaja seconded. The vote was taken; the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. The chairman asked if members would like to discuss somewhat the Business Administration proposal before the guests would arrive.

During the preliminary discussion, there were questions raised relative to such concerns as the use of the words "tool" and "core", parallelism of the second note, and definition of the business student.

Dr. Hill said that due to there having been expressed by someone that discussion involving four guests may lead to confusion, he is proposing that the meeting be conducted in a specific manner. He said that he is proposing that two guests from Business be asked to make opening remarks, then Mrs. Phillips and Dean Paraska be permitted to respond. General questions and discussion would then follow, with each person requesting to be recognized.

The chairman also suggested that when the guests are asked in, the committee deal with the concerns that they have and review the other issues afterwards if there is time, without the guests present.

A member suggested that the chairman inform the guests that once the committee has heard their side of the input, we will not be voting in their presence.

Before inviting in the guests, a member wished to say one thing further. He said that while a school that has the responsibility for a certain subject area is recognized as an expert and ought to have the responsibility for developing that, it is also recognized that along with that right goes the responsibility to be sensitive to other areas that might be utilizing those courses as service courses.

The member said that when the proposal was discussed two weeks ago and it was asked if other students will be affected, the reply was, "Yes, about six hundred." Since that time, he said, he had asked if arrangements were being made and steps being taken to service this other group and thought he got the understanding that visits would take place or steps take place so that people affected would have their needs met. Later, he said, he found out that that is not the case.

3. The guests were invited in at this time. They were Drs. Dodge and Smolen from Business and Dean Paraska and Mrs. Phillips from C.A.S.T.

The chairman informed the guests of the agreed upon procedures for conducting the meeting. Dr. Hill asked Dr. Smolen to make opening remarks.

Dr. Smolen's remarks were a reiteration of his introduction of the proposal when he was present for the meeting two weeks ago. In addition, he said that in an effort to satisfy objections received, a revised proposal (dated April 24) has been prepared. He referred to the last footnote on the bottom of the page, the revised statement: "Each student enrolled in the baccalaureate program in the School of Business...." He said that they key to that all the way through it so that it would not apply to any other student.

Dean Dodge was asked if he would care to speak at this time. He wished not to add anything further.

The floor was then given to Virginia Phillips. She distributed a written statement.

A member asked her to capsulize the statement. She said that it is not wished to impede the work of the Business School, but it cannot be ignored that the proposal creates problems for the B.E.T. Department, the School, and the University. She said that all majors will be affected in some way, and even the four-year program will be affected.

When asked by the chairman if she would like to say anything other than what is written on the statement, Mrs. Phillips responded by saying that she has already had two students report that they were denied entrance into these classes for the Summer Quarter.

Dr. Hill asked if there is a problem with lower-division courses. Mrs. Phillips said that the problems will be with the upper-division courses.

She said that it might be a valid assumption that whoever is teaching the course will assume that students have the tool-course requirements and will teach the course accordingly. She said that this will create a serious disadvantage for the B.E.T. student who takes that course.

Mrs. Phillips said that every curriculum will have to undergo significant revision in terms of the courses the students can take, the sequence in which they have to take them, and prerequisite courses that would have to be added.

Virginia Phillips said that the consequence will be to deny access of these courses to B.E.T. students. She said that the fact that they have already been denied access to Mktg. 703 seems to indicate that this is indeed the intended outcome.

A member asked if there are enough students that they could have separate classes. If there are multiple sections now, he wondered why that would require additional teachers.

Dean Paraska responded to the question; he said that there would be less efficient use of human resources because there would be fewer students in each class.

Mrs. Phillips was asked if she had anything further to say. She said that one of the advertising points that the University uses is the Two Plus Two, completing a two-year degree and immediately going on to a four-year degree. She said that this would be eliminated or at least certainly revised considerably, and additional courses would be added to the curriculum.

She said that there are many part-time students that will not get through the program on schedule unless they are starting in 81/82 or this Fall Quarter. She said that there should be some provisions spelled out for long-range accommodations for these students so that they are not trapped in a situation such as this.

Dr. Hill asked about the conference that had supposedly taken place.

Dean Paraska responded by saying that they are trying to develop some real valid numbers to show how many two-year students have been taking the various courses Fall, Winter, and Spring. He said that the computer is not programmed for that, so they are going to do it manually. He said that this will be a big job. He said there are 36 courses involved.

Dr. Paraska said that the outcome of their discussion was a recognition that as the School of Business does move towards accreditation, there will have to be new courses structured that will have to be offered. The exact impact faculty-wise cannot be determined until it is determined what the increase in student credit hours will be, he said.

The chairman proposed that at this time the specific concerns that affect B.E.T. be discussed one at a time. (bottom of first page of written statement)

In responding to the first concern, Dr. Smolen said that he is not exactly sure what is being referred to there; he said that he would take her word for it.

Dr. Smolen defended his position by saying that the proposed course sequencing is in accordance with page 48 of the catalog. He said that that is not the issue, however. He said that the issue is whether the School of Business curriculum meets guidelines to achieve accreditation, which has been mandated by top administration. He said that they have indicated that as a professional school of business, they be allowed to in some way manage or limit enrollment in order to achieve this goal.

Mrs. Phillips said that it was agreed upon informally that the two-year students not be held to the junior standing requirement in the catalog. She said that it is fine if they want to change this, but they must give the students already enrolled a chance to get through the program.

Mrs. Phillips then said that though they are developing courses for C.A.S.T. students, they are doing it without any consultation with herself or anyone else on the staff; without consultation with the Advisory Committee; and they are being offered without consultation with herself as to whether they are most appropriate for the students or as they concern teachers.

A member asked, if this is indeed true, would there be an accommodation. Dr. Smolen said that they would certainly try to accommodate, but that they have certain deadlines that they have to meet. (It was established that the deadline would be roughly March 1, 1981.)

A member asked if the Business representatives would elaborate on the matter of their setting up sections for Fall of 1980. He asked if it is true that they are setting up sections for Business Education students and for Business Administration students.

One of the guests replied that they have three sections: morning, afternoon, and evening. This was an effort to accommodate C.A.S.T. They were going to give C.A.S.T. the control of it, but they do not seem to want it, he said. B.E.T. says it is segregation and objects to it, he explained.

Dean Dodge said that B.E.T. students are not denied access anywhere on the proposal.

A member asked if B.E.T. students can enter the courses as sophomores outside the requirements of the School of Business Administration.

Dean Dodge replied, yes. Mrs. Phillips then said that if that statement were on the proposal in writing, she might be a little more comfortable with it.

A member asked if there was any possibility that whatever needs to be done between the two schools could get cleared up so that by March 1, 1981, Mrs. Phillip's concerns and whatever new courses have to be developed could simultaneously meet the catalog deadline of March 1, 1981; so that in the Fall of 1981, not only would her students be able to see what the B.E.T. program is, but also the accounting students could see what the new versions are for them, with proper phasing out of those that were causing the problems.

Mrs. Phillips said that even if she continues to get the information she has been getting, and even if she gets information on a timely basis, it would involve 11 curriculums; and that would take a considerable amount of time and work.

Mrs. Phillips said that she is not objecting to the change if it can be administratively handled and does not cause hardships for the students. She said they should not, however, cover things up.

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Dr. Dodge said that he does not feel that they should have to give up their program for them. He said that before he would go back and start over, he would take it to Administration.

4. The chairman asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. The guests left the room.

Dr. Hill said that as he sees it, Mrs. Phillips does not object to the proposal; she is concerned about the mechanics of it related to student schedules.

There was further discussion.

The chairman at this time proposed putting the item on the agenda for next week's meeting and discussing it further then.

5. Dr. Munro motioned for adjournment, and Dr. Khawaja seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.