

MINUTES FROM
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

December 3, 1980

3:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Baldino Prof. Kimbrough
 Dr. Gillis Dr. Lateef
 Dr. Hahn Dr. Munro
 Dr. Khawaja Prof. Simmons

Guests: Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Educational Requirements
 Mr. Hugh Earnhart (History)
 Dr. Ronald Gould (Music)

Previous
Minutes:

Regarding the minutes of November 19, 1980, the following changes were made:

On page 2, under Labor Relations, the sentence beginning with "A well-found program" was changed to "A well-founded program". In the following sentence, themselves was changed to itself. In the following sentence the word "not" was changed to "nor". The first sentence under Committee Guidelines was modified to read: "Because there has been a lack of communication between departments, . . .".

Prof. Kimbrough moved, seconded by Dr. Munro to approve the amended minutes of November 19, 1980. The vote to approve the amended minutes was unanimous.

Approval of the minutes from November 26, 1980 were postponed until the next meeting.

Ad Hoc
Committee on
General
Educational

Requirements: The purpose of this subcommittee is to review the general education requirements and submit its report to the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee is at a standstill as to whether they should develop a proposal encompassing all requirements or review and modify just segments of the general requirements.

Dr. Gould brought up the following questions and topics:

- (1) Should the Ad Hoc Committee limit their investigations at the onset to the areas of Mathematics and Communications?
- (2) In the Math area a basic level of competency is suggested by the subcommittee. To that end a test is suggested. This test is simple algebra and arithmetic.
- (3) Some Subcommittee problems:
 - A) It is easy to talk about the philosophical position on a subject but the mechanics are hard to establish (the mechanics must be accomplished otherwise we cannot achieve our objective).

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- B) Some departments are not willing to accept additional work. Although the departments all feel a need for the changes, they would like someone else to enforce these changes.

It was stated that the Ad Hoc Committee should not design its proposals to provide remedial work to the student. The subcommittee felt that remedial work and general requirements could not be separated.

It was also stated that students are permitted to postpone the taking of a specific course that should be taken during the students first 2 or 3 quarters.

In order for a student to register for a particular subject he should pass a test which is given to the student while he/she is still in high school. (This test is along the same line as the test for Basic Composition 550).

Finally this question was raised, "Should the subcommittee set minimum standards on general requirements?"

If they did set standards, each school could add on to this minimum, if they felt the student is required to have more knowledge in a specific subject area.

It was suggested that the subcommittee should continue to work on a proposal dealing with all general education requirements. The subcommittee need not concern itself with the degree of difficulty any particular proposal may have in securing Senate approval, that ought to concern the Academic Affairs Committee.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:00.