

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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April 11, 1977

Members Present: Edgar, Hakojarvi, Khawaja, Quinby, Shuster, Skarote, Vogel, and Yiannaki (on behalf of Dr. Scriven)

Guest: Dean Paraska

Previous Minutes: Minutes of April 4, 1977, were unanimously approved without any changes.

Mus. B - Accompanying: The committee was informed that U.C.C. has circulated the new courses included in this program. The Committee should be in position to act upon this proposal on April 18, 1977.

Labor Studies Technology: Dean Paraska outlined a detailed account of the background history of this proposal. He informed the committee that the Ohio Board of Regents has approved the concept of two-year programs in labor studies for six universities, including Y.S.U. This approval was obtained with great deal of difficulty. He also informed the committee that Kent State is planning to offer courses in this area to attract potential Y.S.U. students. As such, it is important that we establish this program as soon as possible. He mentioned that Kent State is not one of those six universities for which such a program has been approved. In response to Dean Yozwiak's memo of 4/6/77 to the committee, Dean Paraska observed that the program as proposed is not too restrictive because it allows room for electives which may broaden the scope of the program. He also pointed out that the courses listed by Dean Yozwiak are either too general (labor history) or require many prerequisites, making them unsuitable for a two-year program. Dean Paraska expressed concern that the program is being unnecessarily delayed and that the committee actions might be causing such a delay. He mentioned that while it is possible for him to ask Mr. Lyden (member, Y.S.U. Board of Trustees) to intervene through the President in order to expedite this proposal, he will ~~not consider~~ such an action. He was informed by the committee that even though the proposal was received during the Spring break (3/18/77) the proposal was considered at the first meeting of this quarter (3/28/77) and that the committee has been following a consistent policy on all new-program proposals by requiring input from U.C.C. about the status of new courses for these proposals before taking a final action on them. Such a course of action did not cause U.C.C. to postpone action on new courses for the MUS. B - Accompanying proposal as it did in the case of this proposal. It was suggested that perhaps U.C.C. should reexamine its position on Labor Studies courses. It was also pointed out to Dean Paraska that the departments and faculty most directly involved in the area of labor studies were

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not consulted in the development of this program proposal; as a result questions have been raised that need to be examined by the Academic Affairs Committee.

In answering other related questions Dean Paraska observed that:

1. The program will be strictly a 2-year and not a 2 + 2. The 2 + 2 type does not meet needs of the clientele.
2. The program will be administered from the office of the Dean of CAST and it may be housed ~~in~~ a department if need arises.
3. Dr. Swan has been designated as the coordinator for this program.
4. The Regent's guidelines require that for all technical instruction in two-year programs the faculty must have at least 5 years of practical experience in the field..
5. He would supply the committee with copies of labor studies programs at other Ohio universities for comparison.

The committee members indicated that Dr. Robinson of U.C.C. be contacted and that the position of the Academic Affairs Committee be explained to him. It was also suggested that Dr. Robinson be invited to attend the next meeting. The members also indicated that there is no reason to change the statement developed on 4/4/77 outlining the committee position on this proposal.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 18, 1977, the Dean's Conference Room in ESB. The agenda will include the Mus. B - Accompanying and A.A.S. - Labor Studies Technology.

Respectfully submitted,

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