

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 1977

Members Present: Hakojarvi, Hill, Khawaja, Quinby, Skarote, Shuster, Vogel

Guests: Prof. Robinson and Prof. Mackall

Previous Minutes: In addition to minor editorial corrections, the minutes of 4/11/77 were modified as follows:
3rd paragraph under Labor Studies, line 7--"proposal, he will not consider such an action."
Page 2, Item 2, line 3 "housed in a department . . ."

Major In Accompanying: Prof. Robinson was asked about the status of the new courses included in this program. He informed the Committee that the courses have been circulated and no objections were received by the U.C.C. It was moved by Prof. Vogel and seconded by Prof. Quinby that the proposal for a Bachelor of Music with a Major In Accompanying be recommended to the Senate for approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Labor Studies Technology: Prof. Robinson outlined the U.C.C. position on new courses for this program. He indicated that the U.C.C.'s decision to hold the courses in abeyance was primarily resulted from two concerns:
absence of a department for the courses and the uncertainty about the fate of the program in the Academic Affairs Committee.
It was pointed out by members of the Committee that ^{listed} courses are involved heavily in the evaluation of new-program proposals processed by the Academic Affairs Committee. The U.C.C. decision on Labor Studies may cause delay in the normal processing of this proposal because the Academic Affairs Committee does not want to recommend for approval programs without some guarantee that the courses for such a program are acceptable. During further discussions Prof. Robinson mentioned that a few U.C.C. Members have expressed concern about the academic qualifications of the faculty listed for these courses. The committee reiterated its position as explained in the April 5, 1977, memo to the chairman of U.C.C. and suggested that U.C.C. reexamine its position. The committee was informed that I. Khawaja will represent the Academic Affairs Committee at the U.C.C. meeting today (4/18/77) and request that U.C.C. circulate the Labor Studies courses.

Labor Studies
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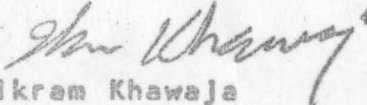
Prof. Mackall informed the committee that the Economics Department is deeply involved in the area of Labor Studies. She indicated that there are faculty in the department who specialize in this field and have taught courses dealing with Labor Studies. She expressed disappointment and concern that in the developmental phase of this program the Economics Department was not consulted. She agreed that a program in Labor Studies is very desirable and suggested the Economics Department has a great deal of interest and expertise in this area. She pointed out that Economics 520 listed in the program is not the most suitable course for such a program because it deals with Macro-aspects of Economics. She also indicated that most of the new courses listed for this program can be developed in the Economics Department and/or Management Department.

After further discussion it was agreed that perhaps there are some legitimate questions involved here, which can be best resolved by a consultation between CAST, Economics, and Management. It was noted that resolutions of these questions would greatly facilitate processing of this proposal and would be of immense help to the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee decided that a suggestion be made to CAST, Economics, and Management that they try to mutually resolve questions and concerns raised here.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, ESB. The agenda will include Labor Studies and proposals from Dean Scriven.

Respectfully submitted,


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