

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 30, 1978

4:00 p.m.

Present: Curry, Edgar, Hill, Khawaja, Kougl, Quinby, Scriven, Shuster, Vogel

Actions: Minutes of the last meeting were moved for approval by Dr. Scriven and seconded by Mr. Quinby. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Labor Studies Program

Dr. Hill reported that the Labor Studies Program had been under consideration by the Academic Affairs Committee since March 17, 1977. He suggested that the committee try to come to closure on the issue as soon as possible.

Dr. Edgar reported on a conference between Dean Paraska, Mrs. Mackall, and Dean Yozwiak. He stated that Mrs. Mackall wanted to cross list four courses of the Labor Studies Program with economic faculty teaching 501, 520, 530, and 640. He reported that Dean Paraska has agreed to cross list 520 and 530 with Economics and 501 with the History Department. Dr. Edgar reported that Dean Yozwiak suggested that 640 be taught in alternating years by CAST and the Economics Department. It was reported that this was unsatisfactory to Dean Paraska because the seminar topic (640) may vary and may not be one related to economics in a particular year.

The committee questioned whether the Economics Department would have to refrain from offering Labor Studies courses at the freshman and sophomore level.

Dr. Edgar reported that Dean Yozwiak has eliminated that statement from the agreement but he wasn't sure of Dean Paraska's reaction to the removal of the statement. Dr. Edgar reminded the committee of a memo that he sent to the members in October, 1977, stating that all two year programs are to be located in CAST.

The committee discussed whether the committee should serve as an arbitrator. It was suggested that it is more the function of the committee to arrive at a conclusion and make a recommendation to the Senate.

One course of action discussed was that the committee communicate with Dean Paraska and Mrs. Mackall. If an impasse has occurred, the committee should come to a conclusion and send it to the Senate. It was suggested that the committee should reach closure on the program in three meetings. The committee discussed whether it was in their authority to change programs. It was suggested that the committee cannot dictate change before approval and that the Academic Affairs Committee is policy making rather than having a function to affect procedure.

It was suggested that the committee give Dean Paraska an opportunity to react to the committee's recommendations if the committee should not agree with his proposal.

The committee questioned whether the Labor Studies Program could be expanded to a four year program. It was considered that this might be the real concern of the Economics Department rather than dissent over one half of a course.

It was suggested that is the Curriculum Committee's function to determine which courses should be cross listed.

Dr. Khawaja moved and Dr. Vogel seconded that Dean Paraska and Mrs. Mackall be contacted to determine if impasse has occurred. If so, the committee would make every effort to come to closure on the labor studies made within the next three meetings. Motion was passed unanimously.