

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 8, 1978

4:00 p.m.

Present: Kougl, Hill, Quinby, Khawaja, Richley, Shuster, Skarote, Vogel

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

1. University Requirements (Dr. Khawaja's memo, March 1, 1977)

The committee questioned whether general university requirements should be broad based or go beyond that and stipulate specific courses.

It was suggested that general university requirements ought to stipulate what the students should expect to learn from general requirements and to determine courses to meet those goals. This involves both the area of the requirement and the number of courses/hours.

The committee discussed whether a university is legitimate in making an assumption about what a basic education is.

There was some discussion of how to study the issue of general university requirements.

The committee expressed the opinion that three weeks was not enough time to study and present the issue to the Senate.

It was suggested that the committee ought to research the issue by reviewing minutes of the University Curriculum Committee and Senate from the summer of 1974 ^{through the summer of} 1975 when the same issue was discussed.

Dr. Shuster and Dr. Khawaja offered to propose a sub-committee to research the issue and advise the Academic Affairs Committee. It was suggested that the sub-committee ought to be a small working group (3 to 4 members) comprised of individuals who are presently interested in refining general requirements and may be individuals who have been involved in previous committees concerned with university requirements.

It was suggested that it may be helpful to survey other universities concerning general university requirements.

The committee decided to meet in two weeks (May 22, 1978) unless Dr. Hill receives any additional business in the interim.