

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, January 3, 1979
3:00 p.m. Conference Room, Dean of Engineering

Present: Dr. Hill, Mr. Quinby, Dr. Swan, Dr. Edgar,
Dr. Scriven, Dr. Richley, Dr. Muey, Dr. Bourgl,
Dr. Baldino

Actions:

1. Dr. Swan moved, and Mr. Quinby seconded, that Student Government be sent copies of the AAC minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Dr. Swan moved for adoption of the revised minutes of November 22, 1978.. Seconded by Dr. Bourgl, and approved unanimously.
3. Mr. Quinby moved for acceptance of the revised November 29, 1978 minutes. Dr. Swan seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
3. Labor Studies:

Dr. Edgar offered an explanation of his December 29, 1978 letter addressed to Dr. Hill. He explained that he does intend to see the Labor Studies Program developed and carried out in terms of the most recent agreement among the parties concerned. However, he didn't intend to bind himself to this agreement if serious changes in development or implementation occur.

Dr. Edgar stated that his original intent was not to be a party of this agreement.

Dr. Edgar also listed what he considered the three important points of the agreement:

- 1) the unless clause in #3,
- 2) the textbook and content clause in point #4,
- 3) and the revision clause in point #5.

He pointed out that if these clauses are omitted, the agreement may be subject to challenge.

Dr. Hill stated that a motion, if proposed, should attempt to include any changes, if they should occur.

Mr. Quinby asked if the three people party to the agreement would agree to changes the committee could make.

Dr. Scriven felt that Dr. Hill should make the motion for approval of the program to the Senate and make further comments separate from the motion.

Dr. Richley disagreed and felt that the proposal should be submitted with the agreement and Dr. Edgar's letter attached.

Dr. Scriven was concerned that submitting the agreement to the Senate would bind the President to this agreement. Dr. Baldino pointed out that the President shouldn't be bound by Senate action, that it is his jurisdiction.

Dr. Edgar thought he could foresee problems if the agreement were approved by the Senate, going back to the Senate for any changes could be difficult.

Dr. Hill pointed out that, in his understanding, the agreement would not be official policy, but an ethical commitment from the parties involved.

Dr. Kougl felt it would be a good idea to send forward to the Senate, Dr. Edgar's letter. She thought his letter expressed well her feelings, and in general the feelings of the committee, towards the agreement.

Dr. Hovey said he would prefer not to see the agreement receive any endorsement. He felt the agreement could lead to more problems than it solves.

~~Dr. Scriven wondered if we could move for the development of a Labor Studies Department.~~

Dr. Edgar felt that perhaps an introduction to the motion, which would include a statement of the activities which lead to the agreement would be best.

Mr. Quinby asked Dr. Edgar if the three parties to the agreement had seen his letter.
Dr. Edgar answered no.

Dr. Hovey felt that the parties concerned should be shown Dr. Edgar's letter, that it might make a difference on their positions.

Dr. Richley asked if Dr. Edgar would meet with the parties to discuss his letter of amendment.

Dr. Edgar stated that he would get in touch with the parties and arrange a meeting, along with the Chairman of the AAC, for discussion.

Dr. Kougl asked if Dr. Hill could summarize for the Senate, the agreement and Dr. Edgar's letter, aside from the proposal?

Dr. Hill answered that he preferred not to summarize, he would prefer to offer a committee decision.

Dr. Hill asked for additional support for the tentative meeting with Dr. Edgar and the parties.

Dr. Hill also asked if we should submit the original proposal, without the agreement and letter.

Dr. Baldino wondered if the existence of the agreement wouldn't alter the ethical decisions to be made.

Dr. Edgar agreed that it would.

Dr Scriven moved:

that the Chairman of the AAC explain to the Senate what has happened since the last presentation before the Senate, and discuss the understandings reached between the parties.

The motion to the Senate will be that the Senate adopt or approve the Associate Degree in the Labor Studies Program.

Seconded by Dr. Richley.

Discussion continued:

Dr. Hill restated, then the agreement and Dr. Edgar's letter will not be a part of the motion.

Dr. Scriven felt that they would be included in Dr. Hill's explanation.

Dr. Richley stated that there must be acceptance of Dr. Edgar's letter by the parties involved.

Dr. Hovey asked if we should indicate that this committee agrees with Dr. Edgar's position. Administrative details should not be part of the Senate's concern, these can be worked out between parties.

Dr. Richley listed three steps of action:

- 1) this committee should support Dr. Edgar's letter of December 29, 1978,
- 2) the parties involved should agree with Dr. Edgar's letter, and our support for it,
- 3) if such agreement occurs, the proposal will be ready to submit to the Senate.

Dr. Hill called for a vote on Dr. Scriven's motion:

Aye: 0

Nay: Quinby, Richley, Kougl, Baldino, Hovey

A motion by Dr. Richley, seconded by Dr. Hovey:

The AAC is supportive of Dr. Edgar's statement of December 29, 1978.

Vote:

Aye: Kougl, Hovey, Quinby, Richley

Nay: Baldino

The motion carries.

Dr. Hovey asked if Dr. Edgar and Dr. Hill will meet with the parties tomorrow?

Dr. Hill asked if there was consensus to the meeting. There was no objection.

He also asked how the AAC should support Dr. Edgar's letter. Should we present it to the Senate?

Dr. Scriven asked if we could rescind our motion of November 29, 1978, to resubmit the original proposal revised by the agreement.

Dr. Richley added that if the meeting tomorrow between parties is successful, we'll be able to submit Dr. Scriven's motion to the Senate with good chances for passage. However, if the meeting is non-productive we'll be back at the beginning.

Dr. Hovey asked if Dr. Hill should circulate the two documents (the agreement and Dr. Edgar's letter) to the Senate.

Dr. Hill felt that they should be circulated ahead of the meeting, to allow for study.

Dr. Richley stated that although Dr. Scriven's motion did not pass; it is probably what Dr. Hill will be doing anyway, an explanation and clarification of the agreement.

Dr. Edgar felt that the Senate should not approve the agreement. It is an agreement between parties and not part of the Senate vote.

Dr. Hill felt that whatever final resolutions are made after tomorrow's meeting should also go to the Senate.

A motion by Dr. Scriven, seconded by Dr. Hovey:
To rescind the motion of November 29, 1978.

Vote:

Aye: unanimous

A motion by Dr. Scriven, seconded by Dr. Hovey:
Move to recommend to the Senate approval of the Labor Studies Program as proposed.

Vote:

Aye: Quinby, Richley, Kougl, Hovey

Nay: Baldino

The motion carries.

4. The next meeting was called for next Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:30p.m.