

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, January 24, 1979  
3:00 p.m. Conference Room, Dean of Engineering

Present: Dr. Hill, Dr. Baldino, Mr. Quinby, Mr. Yiannaki,  
Dr. Kougl, Dr. Richley, Dr. White

Actions:

1. There was agreement to wait until the next meeting for discussion of the January 17 minutes.
2. Sociology / Anthropology

Dr. Hill raised some questions about the awarding of science credit requirement for anthropology majors. Mr. Quinby agreed that it did seem to be a double standard.

Dr. Richley pointed out that anyone who majors in a science can use his department courses as his science requirement. This isn't unusual.

Dr. Kougl felt that Dr. White's major concern was students completing all their requirements in their own department. He felt the requirements could be rewritten.

Dr. Richley felt that Dr. White might want to rethink that concern, since it does seem to be a common practice.

Dr. Baldino felt the larger question is the concern over the entire general requirements matter. He asked about a report made, not long ago, to the Senate, defining general requirements.

Mr. Yiannaki answered there was such a study done four or five years ago, under Dr. Edgar, he believed.

Dr. Baldino felt it is getting close to the time when this committee must make a decision about the general education requirements. It's unfair to everyone to piece-meal this way.

Mr. Yiannaki agreed that someone needs to overhaul department decisions, which often should come to the AAC, but do not.

Dr. Richley felt that Dr. White made some excellent points, such as ; everyone agreed it is a science course, science-fiction courses offered by the physics department are automatically science credit courses, and that anything the natural science departments put forth will be honored as satisfying University requirements.

Dr. Baldino pointed out that there is difficulty in definition, so of course, there is confusion.

Mr. Yiannaki felt that one reason problems occur is that in the course descriptions the prerequisites slip by unfulfilled.

Dr. Baldino asked if a course is automatically accepted as a science course because it comes out of the chemistry or biology department.

Mr. Yiannaki answered yes, he thought it would be. He pointed out that they may add a statement to the effect that it does fulfill requirements.

Dr. Baldino asked if the Curriculum Committee has in its charge to decide on such matters and check prerequisites.

Mr. Yiannaki answered yes, we do often check prerequisites, and then refer to the AAC any change which could affect the entire University.

Dr. Richley added that when I advise students, any ~~science~~ department course offered will satisfy the ~~requirements~~ *university science requirements*. There was general agreement that this is the way it is done.

Dr. Kougl asked who made the decision to give credit to various geography classes. Was it the Senate or was it the AAC.

Dr. Richley answered that it was battled in and approved in the Senate.

Dr. Kougl asked if the final decision would come from us. Could we split the anthropology courses this way?

Dr. Hovey was not convinced of the detrimental effects of "piece-meal tampering". He added that the courses are on the list, they can't count both ways.

Dr. Baldino felt that the catalog might have to be re-written. According to the catalog there would be no problem. The standard by which one judges these courses is not uniform.

Dr. Hovey pointed out that the catalog states definitions. I don't see that this committee can make the necessary changes.

Dr. Richley argued that it would be as easy as asking the Senate to approve the catalog changes needed. He added that if it weren't for flood-gates, I don't know why we would attempt to study the general requirements. If there is not a "flood", and some department thinks that these are science courses, that should be enough to go ahead and give them credit.

Dr. Baldino recommended another committee "body" to study the question, before we move. He doesn't think a study of the general requirements should be a year or more project.

Dr. Kougl asked if we couldn't go all the way with the sociology/anthropology question, and then refer other requests to a general education over-haul committee.

Dr. Hill asked what kind of logic says that a course taught in a social science department won't get credit there.

Dr. Hovey answered that the departments aren't setting up courses according to the catalog. It just isn't working that way.

Dr. Baldino quoted from a memo which stated simply that the science requirement is natural science, and anthropology won't meet this requirement. He doesn't think we should declare anything a science or not, without further discussion or information.

Mr. Yiannaki felt that the arguments Dr. White presented were very valid. An exception should be made or it should be tabled.

Dr. Hovey agreed that we shouldn't spend more committee time on this matter. I think we should turn it over to a sub-committee or table it.

Dr. Baldino moved that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Dr. Kougl seconded.

Vote:  
Aye: Kougl, Quinby, Baldino, Richley  
Nay: Hovey

### 3. Nursing Program

Dr. Richley summarized the latest memo from Dean Faraska: The memo had to do with the existing BS degree. The new program, BSN, is more desirable. He thought graduates of the current program might want to come back to take the new degree program. However, there is a stipulation that one can't receive a second degree in the same major area.

Dr. Richley pointed out that the current program is being phased out, there is a two year time limit.

Dr. Baldino was concerned about the program's part time population. He asked if legally the time limitation can be enforced. He was also concerned about those who really wanted the new BS degree.

Dr. Richley pointed out that this imposition, changing of catalog programs, goes on everyday.

Dr. Hill asked if Dean Faraska was easing out the entire degree program, or just the nursing sections. He also asked the difference between the new upper division

courses and the old 700 level courses.

Dr. Richley answered that just the nursing section would differ in the new program, and that they are a totally new group of 700 and 800 level courses.

Dr. Hill asked if Dean Faraska's memo identified the precise language of the degree.

Mr. Yiannaki pointed out the difference in the degrees. The BSN is recognized nationally as the elite degree.

The Bachelor of Science in Applied Science is the current degree.

Dr. Richley moved approval of the proposed BSN degree program. Dr. Hovey seconded.

Discussion continued.

Dr. Hovey asked if we would run into static from the Arts and Sciences people, who will argue against CAST offering a Bachelor's degree program.

Dr. Baldino agreed that the Arts and Sciences people might wonder if the CAST program really warrants a Bachelor's degree.

Dr. Richley pointed out that CAST already offers Bachelor's degrees. He added, there is no difference between our programs and the other <sup>degree</sup> BS degree programs. *insofar as area requirements are concerned.*

Dr. Hill asked if we do indeed have a Bachelor's degree program, since it is only two years. ✓

Mr. Yiannaki answered that ~~it does fulfill upper division requirements, and the prerequisite for entrance is an Associate degree or diploma.~~ *and therefore ~~is not acceptable~~ the program is acceptable.*

Dr. Baldino asked why they didn't bring forth a four year program. Is there a precedent for this type of action.

Mr. Yiannaki answered that the two + two attitude is not uncommon.

Dr. Hill pointed out that one <sup>could</sup> will have a Bachelor's degree, part of which is an Applied Science degree.

Dr. Hovey asked if there was a faculty problem, if the new program required a Master degree teacher.

Mr. Yiannaki stated that registered nurses receive credit by exam. They are not awarded credit for applied courses, without passage of the exam. The associate degree holder could go right into the new program, after passing the exam.

Dr. Baldino asked if we should invite Dean Faraska for further discussion.

Dr. Hill said he would speak to Dr. Edgar during the week, about our concerns.

4. The next meeting was called for next Wednesday.