

MINUTES
Of The Meeting
Of
THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 15, 1980
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Room 215 Engineering Science

Present: Dr. Baldino Dr. Kougl
 Dr. Hahn Dr. Munro
 Dr. Hill Dr. Richley
 Dr. Hovey Dr. Scriven
 Dr. Khawaja

ACTIONS

1. The chairman called the meeting to order. He advised members that two guests, Dr. Dodge and Dr. Smolen, would be arriving later during the meeting to discuss the Business Administration program proposal.
2. Dr. Hill asked for the committee's reaction to the minutes. Dr. Baldino moved acceptance, and Dr. Hahn seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Dr. Hill asked Dr. Scriven if he had been able to put together the information requested by the committee about the honors students and if so to please present it at this time.

Dr. Scriven began by saying that if anything is changed--even number one-- it will take 16 hours of computer programming to change the selection criteria. He said that for the honors program as it is now constructed, the total population potential is 12,900; if we were to include Fall and Winter, the population from which honors students would be selected would be approximately 15,200; and if all four quarters were included, the population would be a little over 19,000.

Two members each expressed that they had been thinking rather of using the Fall Quarter again to get the percentage but selecting the students from all four quarters.

Dr. Scriven said that if we ask to include students in the other quarters, that would be an additional 24 programming man hours, or a total of 40 programming man hours to bring students out of the other quarters plus change the selection criteria. He said that 40 man hours would be about two weeks.

A member said that if it is important to do it, then it should be done.

Another member questioned whether it is really worth the hours.

A member asked approximately how many people are being excluded. Dr. Scriven said it is about 1,500.

A member said that it is bound to come out that there will be straight 4.0 students, and he is bothered by that if four quarters are used.

Another member said that it seems that this committee or someone needs to address the problem of what is trying to be accomplished with this program. It is supposedly that of making a distinction between honor students and the others, he said. He said that we are trying to make a distinction that does not exist.

A member said that to argue the idealism of a point like this is to deny some form of recognition for people who have done a tremendous task. He said that it doesn't matter whether we make it 1.1, 1.2, or 8.6 as long as we maintain something and keep it on a percentage basis, which forces students within a school to compete with students within the school.

A member said that it seems more meaningful to give this recognition at graduation; she said graduation covers all those who are missed. She questioned the need for an Honors Day; she wondered if we should consider doing away with it.

The arbitrary nature of 3 p.a. selection criterion was.
~~Arbitration was discussed.~~ A member said that it must be arbitrary. *discussed.* He said that he believes that the question about whether to give a high point average honor is separate from who can be included.

Another member said that it should be arbitrary to the point that it discriminates against the least number of students.

At this time, the chairman asked the committee members if they would like to break the discussion at this point and invite the guests in to discuss the Business Administration proposal. The members agreed.

- 4. Dr. Dodge and Dr. Smolen were invited into the meeting. Dr. Hill asked Dr. Smolen to begin by explaining about the proposal.

Dr. Smolen said that the purpose is to through a revolutionary process, have their undergraduate program more in alignment with the AACSB guidelines so that when they have their formal inspection by that body, they will have no problems with course spacing, course sequencing, and course numbering.

Dr. Smolen said that the proposal was brought before the Undergraduate School of Business Curriculum Committee; and after lengthy discussion, it passed virtually unanimously.

Dr. Hill then asked Dr. Dodge if he had any additional information that he would like to present.

Dean Dodge said that AACSB guidelines recommend that they have at least 40 percent of their hours in business and no more than 60 percent. He said that at the present time they are standing very close to the 60 percent; sometimes it goes over because policing

of the electives that students take is not very good. He said that that is one of the reasons why 511 has been eliminated. He also said that they are seriously thinking about the business ethics course being taught by Philosophy.

A member asked if 511 would count as an elective if they want to take it. Dr. Dodge said, yes.

A member asked if these changes complete all changes necessary for approval by AACSB. Dr. Dodge said that is their impression.

A member said that he sees a real policing problem. He said that since upperclassmen do not have to get advisor signatures, they could sign up for these upper level core courses without the qualifications.

A member suggested having a formal procedure whereby a student completing a certain set of hours makes application, at which time this is checked.

Dr. Dodge said that is what they are in the process of doing.

A member expressed concern about those students from other schools in the University who will take those courses.

Dr. Dodge said that departments would have to tell him approximately how many students will be taking the course each quarter. The member said that would be very difficult.

The member was concerned about students having to go through more trouble to get into a class.

A member said that he has no objection to the School of Business making their rules and regulations more strict or improving their standards except that as it affects other areas of the University.

Another member said that any time you change a course, it has an effect. He said that since this is an expertise area, Business should be the ones suggesting changes.

A member said that he agrees that the fundamentals of autonomy with respect to Business has to lie there and nowhere else. He also said that he would suggest that a way to approach the dilemma of students wishing to take those courses being in competition with majors would be to have parallel sections that would be major sections and sections for non-majors. He said this would temporarily take care of that problem until one can create courses of another kind. He said that he does not think the program should be held back until the courses are in place.

A member asked if they plan for this to go to the next Senate meeting; he asked if they want to have this in place by Fall Quarter. They said that they would like to have it in place as soon as possible.

A member said that he still has a problem with the requirement of a permit for 725. He asked if there is any other way that they can monitor it.

A member asked if their major reason for permits is for sequencing. Dr. Dodge said, no, that it is to be sure that they take the right courses.

A member referred to the last note on the bottom of the second page. He said he does not immediately conceptualize the reason for the elective course statement.

Dr. Smolen said that it is a problem of semantics. A member suggested phrasing it as "elective course in that major area." It was agreed upon.

There was discussion of several other problems in semantics in that note. Suggestions were made and accepted by the two guests.

5. The chairman asked at this time if the committee should adjourn. He said that it seems to be the view of the committee that there needs to be more time for discussion before taking action.

Dr. Richley motioned adjournment, and Dr. Munro seconded. The motion was voted upon. Dr. Hovey opposed, and Dr. Khawaja abstained. The meeting was adjourned.