

A special meeting of the Senate of the University of British Columbia was held on Wednesday, November 9th, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board and Senate Room, Administration Building, to discuss business connected with the College of Education.

Present: President N.A.M. MacKenzie (in the Chair), Miss M. Agnew, Dr. J. Allardyce, Dean G. S. Allen, Dean G. C. Andrew, Dean H. F. Angus, Mr. F. C. Boyes, Dr. J.J.R. Campbell, Mr. K. P. Caple, Dean S.N.F. Chant, Dr. D. H. Copp, Miss M. Cottingham, Dean B. A. Eagles, Miss M. M. Fallis, Dean W. H. Gage, Mr. B. C. Gillie, Mr. H. C. Gilliland, Dr. A. E. Grauer, Dr. W. H. Hickman, Dr. R. D. James, Dr. F. A. Kaempffer, Mr. F. M. Knapp, Colonel H. T. Logan, Mr. E. D. MacPhee, Dean A. W. Matthews, Dean M. D. Mawdsley, Mr. F. A. Morrison, Mr. W. O. Richmond, Dr. W. N. Sage, Dr. R. F. Sharp, Dr. H. V. Warren, Dr. R. W. Wellwood, Dr. H. F. Woodhouse, Dr. A. J. Nelson and Mr. N. Harlow.

Messages of regret for their inability to be present were received from Chancellor Sherwood Lett, Dr. W. G. Black, Mr. C. B. Bourne, Mr. J. M. Buchanan, Dr. I. McT. Cowan, Dean G. F. Curtis, Dean H. C. Gunning, Major H. C. Holmes, Mr. J. S. Keate, Dr. M. M. MacIntyre, Dr. H. R. Robertson, Mr. F. H. Soward and Dr. C.A.H. Wright.

The President opened the meeting with an outline of the proposal of the Minister and Department of Education that teacher training in the province be integrated with

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the University. Legislation had been passed in March, 1955, providing for this and associating Victoria College with teacher training. A Joint Board of the College of Education, with recommending and advisory powers, had been established. Its membership includes four representatives of the University - the Chancellor, the President, and the Dean of the College of Education, or their nominees; and a representative of Senate. Dean Gage, the Senate representative, is the present Chairman of the Joint Board.

Among matters still receiving consideration are the appointment of a Dean of the College of Education, and the budget.

In reply to a query from the President as to the numbers of students at the Normal Schools, Mr. Boyes stated that the Vancouver Normal School has over 600 this year. He was of the opinion that next year's enrolment would be influenced by the proposed change in fees. Mr. Gilliland reported an enrolment of 330 at the Victoria Normal School. Mr. Gilliland estimated the loss of teachers through retirement and for other reasons to be about 800 per year. In addition, from 300 to 400 teachers per year are required to take care of the increase in the school population. At least 1,200 new teachers are therefore required annually.

Dean Gage, Chairman, reported that the Joint Board of the College of Education, at meetings on October 31st and November 7th, had adopted the following resolutions as recommendations to Senate:

'A. The length of the elementary programme:

- "(1) That a degree should be offered at the end of a four-year elementary training programme:
- (2) That there should be a planned fifth year of elementary training and content: (a) leading to a new elementary certificate on a basis of parity with the S.B. Certificate, and (b) fulfilling the course requirements for admission to a programme leading to a Master's degree."

These recommendations were also referred to the Curriculum Committee to work out the details of the fifth-year programme.

B. The degree to be offered:

"That we recommend the adoption of the degree of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) for the five-year secondary programme as well as for the programme for University graduates who have completed the one-year teacher training course."

"That the degree of Bachelor of Education be also given on completion of the four-year programme in elementary education."

C. Credit for courses taken in the B. C. Summer School of Education

The report of the sub-committee, as amended, was approved.

D. Masters' degrees:

It was agreed that page 22 of the Report of the Curriculum Committee should be withheld, until details of the graduate programme have been worked out and approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

E. Report of the Curriculum Committee as a whole:

"That subject to the amendments adopted by this Board, we approve the report of the Curriculum Committee as a whole, and recommend it to Senate on the understanding that revisions may be necessary in particular course requirements, numbering of courses, and other minor details."

Dean Gage summarized the draft Calendar statement which had been circulated to the members of Senate. He noted that the basic plan is a four-year course leading to a degree in education for those who propose to specialize in elementary school teaching, and a five-year course for those intending to specialize in high school teaching. These programmes were among the recommendations approved by the Senate on August 26th, 1955. In addition, a one-year emergency course and a two-year programme leading to elementary teacher certification are provided as integral parts of either the four-year or five-year programme. The draft also provides programmes leading to degrees in both elementary and secondary fields for those with Normal School, Senior Matriculation, or one or more years of University work.

Dean Gage stated that, following full discussion in which the representatives of the Department of Education and the B. C. Teachers' Federation had participated, the Joint Board recommended that for both degree courses as well as for the present programme for graduates with Teacher Training, the same degree should be given; i.e., Bachelor of Education, (B.Ed.). He pointed out that, although the courses in the two new programmes differ in detail, their total unit value is fairly similar: 78 units in the 5-year programme and 69 in the 4-year. Students in the present Bachelor of Education programme, who require approximately six years to complete the requirements for this degree, already hold another Bachelor's degree before obtaining the B.Ed. In many cases

it would be possible for holders of the new B.Ed. degree to qualify for the B.A. by completing a sixth year of work.

Dean Gage stressed the proposal of the Joint Board, that following the 4-year elementary course there should be a planned fifth year of work for which the Department of Education would grant a higher certificate in the elementary field, and that the work of this fifth year might be so planned as to assist the student to proceed towards a Master's degree in Education or to transfer to secondary teaching.

Considerable discussion ensued on the recommendation that the degree for both new programmes should be Bachelor of Education.

The members of Senate representing the teachers of the province made a strong plea that the degree course for both the elementary and secondary programmes should be the same length, five years. This would not only raise professional standards, but would help to break down the cleavage between elementary and secondary teachers. It was pointed out that a teacher now requires a total of five years to obtain a degree and either elementary or secondary teacher training. It was also important that the standard of the present Bachelor of Education degree should not be lowered. It was further pointed out that the proposed elementary degree programme includes little opportunity for work in history, science or languages other than English. In view of the difference of opinion between the Department of Education and the B. C. Teachers' Federation, the proposal of the

Joint Board seemed a reasonably satisfactory compromise. In any case, a decision to award the same degree for all programmes would facilitate the extension of the elementary course to five years, if it should later be decided to do so.

Upon request, it was agreed that the question of the degree for the secondary and elementary programmes should be dealt with separately.

Dean Gage)

Dr. James) That the degree for the secondary programme be the Bachelor of Education, the same degree as is offered for those who complete the present Bachelor's programme, the teacher training course and required additional courses, as stated in the Calendar.  
Carried.

Dean Gage )

Dean Chant) That the degree for the completion of a course of not less than four years in elementary teaching be the Bachelor of Education, and that the length of the course be reviewed within five years after the introduction of this programme.  
Carried.

Mr. Richmond requested that the Calendar requirement of a course in the biological sciences for students entering teacher training with a B.A.Sc. degree should be reviewed by the appropriate authorities.

Dean Gage stated that the hope of the Joint Board was to receive approval in principle of the report, so that a bulletin could be prepared for the information of prospective students.

Dean Gage )

Dean Chant) That the various programmes as set forth in the report be approved in principle, with the understanding that there may be changes in detail and further consultations

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with Departments before the programmes  
are established.

Carried.

Credit for Work Taken in the  
Summer School of Education

The report of the Sub-Committee on Credit for Courses taken in the Summer School of Education as approved by the Joint Board was received, including the following recommendations:

- "1. Work taken in the Summer School of Education prior to 1936 (which is not accepted for credit toward certification by the Department of Education) should not be accepted by the University.
2. Work completed subsequent to 1936 should be accepted subject to the following rules:
  - (a) Courses credited by the Department toward the Permanent E.B. Certificate to be accepted, ipso facto, toward the First and Second years;
  - (b) Courses not so used to be accepted for credit above Second Year, subject to the following:
  - (c) Insofar as the programme for the degree calls for optional courses in Education (usually 6 to 9 units), Summer School courses will be accepted without any attempt to equate them to courses offered by the College;
  - (d) In order to be acceptable, courses in excess of the optional units allowed by the programme, must be comparable in content and unit value to the prescribed course or courses in Education in the student's programme.
  - (e) In the four-year elementary programme at least 18 units must be completed in the College of Education, and in the five-year secondary programme, at least 30 units.
  - (f) Courses to the value of at least  $3\frac{3}{4}$  units taken in the Summer School of Education will be accepted as the equivalent of 3 units for purposes of credit."

Dean Gage explained that this was in line with recommendations

approved by the Senate on May 11th, 1955.

Mr. Wood, a member of the Sub-Committee, commented on the report.

Dean Gage )  
Dean Andrew) That these recommendations of the Joint Board be approved.

Carried.

Pre-sessional Training Course

A recommendation was received from the Joint Board that the requirement of a two-week period of observation prior to the opening of the University Session in the emergency one-year course, as previously recommended to Senate, be deleted. It had been found upon further consideration that this proposal would be unworkable.

It was agreed that the recommendation of the Joint Board be approved.

Master's Degree

Dean Gage stated that the question of graduate training for teachers was still under discussion, and that no recommendations had yet been made by the Joint Board.

Dr. Sage )  
Miss Cottingham) That the sincere thanks of Senate be extended to Dean Gage, Dean Chant, Mr. Wood, Dean Andrew, and Mr. MacPhee for their work and effort, and for this excellent report which is a real step forward in the history of education in the Province of British Columbia.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gilliland)  
Mr. Boyes ) That formal appreciation be given to Dr. J. R. McIntosh for his activity in preparation of this programme.

Carried.

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Dean Gage )  
Dean Andrew) That a vote of thanks be extended to the  
representatives of the B. C. Teachers'  
Federation and to Dr. Hickman.  
Carried.

Mr. Logan )  
Dean Chant) That the appreciation of Senate be conveyed  
to the Department of Education for  
initiating the plan and for co-operating  
in the negotiations.  
Carried.

Mr. Caple mentioned the importance of ensuring  
financial assistance for students entering the new teacher  
training programme, and was assured by Mr. MacPhee that the  
matter is receiving serious consideration by the Deputy  
Minister and Minister of Education.

The meeting adjourned.

*Charles R. Wood*

Secretary.

*Norman MacKeize*  
Chairman.