

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF REGIONAL COLLEGE COMMITTEES
 FOR THE VANCOUVER - LOWER MAINLAND AREA, held at Carson
 Graham Senior Secondary School, North Vancouver, B.C.,
 on April 5th, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

List of those in attendance is as follows:

<i>no</i> } Mr. Howard T. Sagehorn	Davis-MacConnell-Ralston, Palo Alto, Calif.
Dr. Paul J. Wisch	" "
✓ Dr. J. D. Chapman	Department of Education, Victoria, B.C.
✓ Dr. S.N.F. Chant	Academic Board
✓ Mr. D. W. Franklin	"
✓ Mr. Harry Evans	"
✓ Dr. Roy E. L. Watson	Academic Board, Victoria, B.C.
✓ Dr. Walter Hardwick	University of British Columbia
✓ Mr. F.N.A. Rowell	Community College Association of B.C.
✓ <i>E. J. Cassey</i>	School District No. 45 (West Vancouver)
✓ Mr. Hugh Ferguson	" "
✓ Mr. W. J. Wallace	" "
✓ Mr. Len Sampson	" "
✓ Mr. W. E. Lucas	School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
✓ Mr. W. B. Fromson	" "
✓ Mr. E. F. Miller	" "
✓ Dr. George Wilson	" "
✓ Mr. W. F. McGown	" "
✓ Mr. C. P. Jones	Chairman, North Shore Regional College Coordinating Committee (44, 45, 46 and 48)
✓ Mr. Peter C. Wilson	School District No. 46 (Sechelt)
✓ <i>J. D. Ross</i>	School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)
✓ Mr. D. H. Campbell	" "
✓ Mr. T. J. MacDonald	" "
✓ Mr. K. Mutter	Secretary, Regional College Steering Committee (40, 41, 42 and 43)
✓ <i>J. S. M. Leggatt, Chairman</i>	
✓ <i>J. F. Bledbury</i>	School District No. 40 (New Westminster)
✓ Mr. H. M. Campbell	School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
✓ <i>A. C. Durkin</i>	School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge)
✓ Mr. C. T. Rendle	" "
✓ <i>Paul A. Barber</i>	School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
✓ Mr. I.H.R. Jeffery	Director of Vancouver City College
✓ Mr. C. Nichols	School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
✓ Dr. B. E. Wales	" "
✓ Mr. J. E. Robertson	
✓ Mr. W. McQuat	

- ✓ Mr. A. Hatcher Chairman, Regional College Study Committee
(35, 36, 37 and 38)
- ✓ *L. V. E. Mercer*
- ✓ Mr. Harold Stafford School District No. 35 (Langley)
- ✓ Mr. J. R. Dimham " "
- ✓ *C. D. Christian*
- ✓ Mr. E. Marriott School District No. 36 (Surrey)
- ✓ Mr. W. Beagle " "
- ✓ Mrs. Jeanne Miller " "

- ✓ Mr. Roy Thorstenson School District No. 37 (Delta)
- ✓ Mr. M. Adam " "
- ✓ Mr. J. J. Lentsch " "
- ✓ Mr. C. F. Sayla " "
- ✓ Mr. J. E. Hill-Tout " "
- ✓ Mr. F. Gingell " "
- ✓ Mr. D. Fonseca " "
- ✓ Mr. J. V. Smedley " "
- ✓ Mr. B. Davis " "
- ✓ Mr. J. C. Robinson " "
- ✓ Mr. A. F. Frith " "
- ✓ Mr. J. Cowan " "

- ✓ Mr. W. Graham School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- ✓ Mr. R. B. Wilkinson " "

Mr. Peter Jones, Chairman of the North Shore Regional College Coordinating Committee, acting as Chairman, opened the meeting by stating that it had been called to report and discuss certain information given by the Minister of Education to the North Shore Regional College Coordinating Committee at a meeting in Victoria on March 9th, 1967. Mr. Jones then identified the groups which were represented and introduced the invited guests, Dean Chant, Dr. Watson, Mr. Harry Evans, Mr. Dennis Franklin, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Sagehorn, Dr. Wisch, and Dr. Walter Hardwick.

Mr. Jones then advised the meeting of the suggestions made by the Minister, the most important being the requirement by the Department of Education for an overall study or survey of the need and provision of regional colleges in the Lower Mainland area -- a plan which would indicate in general terms the programs to be offered in an effort to avoid needless duplication. This type of metro planning for the colleges would require a strong central authoritative administrative body -- a different concept from the community-sponsored type of college growing to fulfil a community's need, as had been previously considered.

Following his introductory remarks, the Chairman called on Dr. Chapman, Division of University and College Affairs, Department of Education, to outline to the meeting the information required by the Department of Education to assist any overall plan for junior college organization in the Greater Vancouver area. In summary, this information may be listed as follows:

- (1) the magnitude of demand; that is, the number of students to be accommodated;
- (2) the character of the demand at both the secondary and tertiary levels;
- (3) the optimum location for colleges:-
 - (a) the location for minimum distance of travel, and
 - (b) the location for the maximum use of all educational resources in the area;
- (4) the established means by which the development of the colleges can be coordinated.

Speaking more specifically, he indicated that the information to be presented to the Department should be organized under two headings:-

- (1) a demonstration of the demand -- the number of students graduating from Grade XII on various programs, not only immediately but as predicted for a number of years in advance, and
- (2) an overall plan of the proposed junior colleges as related to each other and to all post-secondary educational institutions in the Greater Vancouver area.

Dr. Chapman pointed out that one of the factors which complicated any overall plan was the different rate of development of plans in the several proposed regional college areas. He re-emphasized the need for an overall study of the requirements of the area and the possibility that the best type of organization might be one of centralized control.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Sagehorn of Davis - MacConnell - Ralston, of Palo Alto, California, whose group were in the area doing a study for the West Vancouver School Board, and who had extensive experience in community and junior college planning. Mr. Sagehorn introduced his remarks by pointing out that the terms "community college", "junior college" and "regional college" mean different things to different people. Any one of these might be an institution designed to teach liberal arts. It might also include technical instruction and occupational skill training. It might be involved in the salvage of adults, in the teaching of recreational activities, in the presentation of community services and programmes designed to contribute to the culture and economic improvement of the community and its citizens, or any other educational activity required by the community. The size of the college will be determined by two factors -- the type of offerings which it plans to provide, and the ultimate number of students who might avail themselves of its facilities.

Mr. Sagehorn was of the opinion that before details could be worked out certain basic information must be obtained. This he outlined as:

- (1) the overall organization and curriculum;
- (2) a long-range (25-year) prediction of enrolment, with the saturation point estimated;
- (3) the general location of individual colleges;
- (4) a determination of estimated costs;
- (5) a priority schedule of construction.

He then outlined the steps that a company such as the one he represented would take in order to prepare a report. They would:

- (1) project all accumulated data for 25 years in order to establish the breadth of the problem;
- (2) study each area in terms of population and proposed course offerings in order to determine the eventual size of each college;
- (3) determine as soon as possible, possible sites for the individual colleges, bearing in mind that time of travel is a more important factor than actual distance;
- (4) examine trends in assessed valuation of taxable property in order to determine the financial basis on which each college should be constructed and operated;
- (5) make a careful examination of the administrative structure for the projected colleges, taking into consideration the educational advantages and disadvantages of a single overall administrative organization as compared with separate colleges individually administered;
- (6) consult all agencies and authorities in the area for ideas and opinions relative to community college program.

Mr. Saghorn concluded by stating that the completion of a report of this nature would require six months' study and would cost \$30,000.00, of which approximately \$5,000.00 would be for publication, graphics and maps.

Mr. Jones thanked the speaker and stated that the North Shore Regional College Coordinating Committee was of the opinion that an immediate start should be made by the Lower Mainland School Districts to produce the overall plan required by the Minister of Education.

Dr. S.N.F. Chant stated that the Department of Education is conscious of the need for good planning for community colleges but is concerned that school districts do not dissipate their resources with unwarranted expense.

Mr. Hatcher, of the Regional College Study Committee, speaking from the floor, pointed out that there appears to be a trend towards more coordinated effort in all Provincial Government supported services, for example, an overall plan for hospitals. The Chairman agreed that if this is the case then it becomes increasingly necessary that a community college plan be coordinated as soon as possible.

Dr. Walter Hardwick pointed out that the reports that he had made for two of the areas concerned, the North Shore and the Richmond-Delta areas, had not been carried out without concern for each other and for the educational institutions existing in the whole area.

Dr. B. Wales, of Vancouver City College, pointed out that most of the study and research for three of the four areas had already been completed, and he was certain that the remaining area could have its situation determined and the whole coordinated and forwarded to the Department of Education for their consideration, certainly without a six-month delay.

Mr. Wallace, of West Vancouver, was of the opinion that an independent, overall survey is necessary in order to have the report prepared in a manner acceptable to all and to have its stated priority basis acknowledged by all districts.

Dr. Chapman said he was interested in receiving ideas regarding the type of acceptable organization for the administration of the proposed four community colleges -- ranging from one strong central administration with four separate campuses to reasonably autonomous community colleges with a loosely-structured coordinating committee.

Mr. Sagehorn quoted from studies made in the United States to show that the optimum size of a community college is approximately 3,500 full-time enrolled students, that there is a trend for the average cost per student to decrease as the size of the institution approaches this figure, and that building cost per student is reduced by increasing the size of individual community colleges to approximately 3,000 students.

Dr. Wisch, Mr. Sagehorn's associate, provided information about the nature and size of colleges in various parts of the United States. He quoted studies to indicate that a district having a population of more than 200,000 should have more than one junior college. It was his opinion that by 1970, 65% of all high school graduates in the United States will be in attendance at community colleges.

Returning to the subject of a central coordinating junior college authority, Mr. Rowell, of the Community College Association of B.C., pointed out the difficulty that such a body would encounter when the first step in planning a junior college would be strictly local in its nature, being local plebiscites in which only the voters of each community could participate.

Mr. Jones, the Chairman, was authorized to call a meeting of the Chairmen of the four community college committees, or their representatives, in Coquitlam on Wednesday, April 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Notice of the meeting giving details of time and place will be mailed in due course.

Submitted by



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NOTICE

TO LOWER MAINLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE COMMITTEES:

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5th, 1967, at 8:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria, Carson Graham Senior Secondary School, 2145 Jones Avenue, North Vancouver.

Dr. Sagehorn of Educational Facilities Laboratory, Stanford University, who is in Vancouver on other business, has agreed to meet with us to discuss the possibility of overall planning for community colleges in the metropolitan area, and the pros and cons of a super-regional college with several campuses as opposed to individual colleges.

Dr. Chapman and Dr. Chant, or his representative, will also be present.

This is an information meeting only, and all Committee members are invited to attend.

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