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December 7, 1989

Dr. Frank Scarpitti, Chair  
Department of Sociology

Dear Dr. Scarpitti:

I understand from Vic Martuza that your department is discussing the possibility of removing EDS258 from cross-listing in the Sociology Department because I teach one of the sections. Presumably the concern has arisen because of my connection with the Pioneer Fund, which has recently been criticized by Bill Frawley.

I would certainly be willing to answer any questions your faculty have about my course and to try to answer whatever questions they have about the Pioneer Fund. For your information, and theirs, I enclose three sets of materials that I have put together in response to Frawley's accusations. I would encourage your faculty to investigate the facts.

Feel free to contact me (ext. 1650).

Sincerely,

Linda S. Gottfredson  
Associate Professor

encs: November 14 letter to Trabant  
and two updates with addenda

cc: Frank Murray, Dean  
College of Education

Vic Martuza, Chair  
Educational Studies

# Memorandum



December 20, 1989

To: Linda Gottfredson  
Department of Educational Studies

From: Frank R. Scarpitti  
Chair, Department of Sociology

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Frank R. Scarpitti', is written over the printed name and title.

Thank you for sending me the information regarding the Pioneer Fund and its relation to your scholarly work. I have made this information available to the faculty of this department and have urged them to review it. I am sure that those with questions or concerns will do so. In the meantime, I should appreciate receiving any other relevant material you may wish interested colleagues to be aware of.

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# Memorandum



January 23, 1990

To: Prof. Linda Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

From: Frank R. Scarpitta  
Chair, Sociology

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Frank R. Scarpitta', is written over the typed name and title.

Thank you for sending the material on the Pioneer Fund. It is on file in our office and several faculty members have reviewed it. As a result of this and the publicity surrounding the issue, I have been asked to request some of your reprints so members of the faculty may read about your research firsthand. Would you be kind enough to send a few of your reprints to be made available to those who have expressed an interest? Thanks for your consideration.

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# Memorandum

Attachment 4



January 25, 1990

TO: Frank Scarpitti, Chair  
Sociology

FROM: Linda Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

RE: Your Request for Publications

I have enclosed copies of some of my reprints, as you requested.

The special journal issues I edited may of particular interest. They are recent, deal with the controversial issues under discussion from a variety of perspectives, and include commentaries on my work as well as some of the work itself.

As fellow sociologists, some of your faculty might also be interested in my 1985 book chapter on occupational stratification, "Education as a valid but fallible signal of worker quality..."

Let me know if there is anything else I can provide your faculty. And, of course, I would be happy to discuss my work with anyone who might have questions or comments.

# Memorandum

Attachment



TO: Victor Martuza, Chair  
 Educational Studies

FROM: Sally Bould *SB*  
 Department of Sociology

DATE: March 5, 1990

RE: EDS/SOC 258

The Undergraduate Policy Committee would like to review the cross listing of this course. Could you please send syllabi and teaching evaluations for all instructors who have taught this course and all sections of the course taught from Spring 1988 (89B) through Fall 1989 (90A) for a total of 4 semesters. If this time period does not include all possible instructors of 258 please extend the time to Spring 1987 (88B).

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## Memorandum



Linda -  
 As requested in your  
 memo of 4/27/90. Her  
 memo to me seems to have  
 been misplaced.  
 March 29, 1990

TO: Sally Bould  
 Sociology

FROM: Victor Martuza, Chair  
 Educational Studies

SUBJECT: EDS/SOC 258

Enclosed are the syllabi for the most recent versions of EDS/SOC 258. As you requested, I have also enclosed the mean course and instructor ratings for these various sections. As I told you in a previous telephone conversation, all course evaluation forms are processed by the Center for Educational Leadership and Evaluation. According to department policy, only the summary data on the course and instructor items are made available to the department chair. All other information collected using the end-of-course evaluation forms is regarded as formative in nature and intended strictly for the use of the faculty responsible for the particular courses. Should you wish additional course evaluation information for any of the individuals who taught EDS/SOC 258, you must make that request to the faculty members directly.

If I can be of any further help to you, please let me know. I regret that it has taken so long to get this information into your hands, but this has been an extraordinarily busy semester with the department being subjected to a COPE evaluation among other things.

VM:blo  
 Enclosures

# Memorandum



May 14, 1990

TO: Sally Bould  
Sociology

FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson *LSG*  
Educational Studies

RE: Cross-listing of EDS258

Early in December I learned that there was sentiment in the Sociology Department for discontinuing the cross-listing of EDS258 because I teach a section of that course. I have enclosed my correspondence at that time with the chair of your department.

It is also my understanding that your Undergraduate Policy Committee has taken up the issue, and that, at your request, my department chair has provided you syllabi and course ratings for all recent sections of EDS258.

I am writing to obtain a copy of the report (and any related materials) that was circulated recently to members of your department about this matter.

Thank you.

cc: Vic Martuza



# Memorandum



May 21, 1990

To: Linda S. Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

From: Sally Bould *SB*  
Chair, Undergraduate Policy Committee  
Department of Sociology

Re: EDS 258; your memo of May 14, 1990

I have been provided with course ratings (two items only) and course syllabi for all recent sections of EDS 258 by Dr. Martuza. These items have been circulated to the Sociology faculty. There has been no report. If a report is written I will send you a copy.

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# Memorandum

Attachment 9



May 29, 1990

TO: Sally Bould  
Sociology

FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

RE: Cross-listing of EDS258

I understand that your department has met and made a decision about the cross-listing of EDS258 with your department.

I would appreciate being apprised of that decision and receiving a copy of any report and of any informational materials that were circulated to help faculty come to a decision.

Thank you.

cc: Victor Martuza, Chair  
Educational Studies



# Memorandum



June 1, 1990

To: Linda S. Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

From: Frank R. Scarpitti, Chair  
Department of Sociology

Sally Gould has passed your memorandum of May 29, 1990 to me for response. Early in the Spring semester, members of our faculty suggested that the Department's Undergraduate Policy Committee review the decision made a few years ago to cross-list EDS 258, Sociological Foundations of Education. That committee gathered from your chair syllabi for all sections of the course and the student evaluations of all instructors teaching the course in your department. The committee subsequently made those data available to all members of the Sociology/Criminal Justice faculty for review.

The matter was taken up by the faculty at the department meeting on May 23, 1990, and reported thusly in the minutes of that meeting:

"The Undergraduate Policy Committee brought to the floor the matter of retaining or canceling the cross-listing of EDS 258. The Committee recommended keeping the cross-list, but the faculty voted that recommendation down 0-10-6. A new motion (Eckhardt) was made that Sociology 258 no longer be cross-listed because of the variability in the sociological content of the course offerings. The motion passed 11-0-6."

I hope that this answers the questions you have about the faculty's action in this matter.

cc: Victor Martuza, Chair  
Educational Studies

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