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August 7, 1991

TO: Frank R. Scarpitti  
Linda S. Gottfredson  
Gordon J. DiRenzo

FROM: R. Byron Pipes, Provost 

SUBJECT: Cross Listing of EDS 258 by the Department of Sociology

I have reviewed the correspondence regarding the issue of cross listing of EDS 258 by the Department of Sociology and make the following findings:

The responsibility for determining the content and suitability of required course material rests with the faculty of the academic program. In this case the faculty of the Department of Sociology has the authority to choose which course material taught outside its department may be included in its academic program.

It is also appropriate that a departmental faculty conduct a regular review of all course material in its program in order to assess its continued relevance, appropriate rigor and quality of delivery. In special and unusual circumstances it may be appropriate to evaluate individual courses outside a general review; however, the justification for such an action must be clear and highly warranted.

Given these principles, it is my finding that the faculty of the Department of Sociology shall conduct a review of all courses currently cross-listed with other departments in the University for the purpose of assessing their appropriateness to the academic programs of Sociology. Upon completion of the complete review the faculty is free to act upon the findings with full authority.

# Memorandum



August 16, 1991

TO: R. Byron Pipes  
Provost

FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson *lg*  
Educational Studies

RE: Your Decision on the Cross Listing of EDST 258

I am gratified by your decision in my cross-listing complaint that the Sociology Department had failed to provide a "clear and highly warranted" justification for discontinuing its cross-listing of EDST 258.

Your memo of August 7 does not say, however, that the Department of Sociology is now required to reinstitute the cross-listing. Am I correct in assuming that it is?



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August 21, 1991

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Linda S. Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

**FROM:** R. Byron Pipes, Provost

**SUBJECT:** Cross-Listing of EDST 258

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RBP", written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

By copy of this memorandum I am instructing the Department of Sociology to reinstate the cross-listing of EDST 258 until the faculty have conducted a review of all courses cross-listed by the Department. I will then support the final decisions of the faculty of the Department to drop or add cross-listed courses to its program.

RBP:nb

**cc:** Frank R. Scarpitti  
Mary P. Richards  
Maxine R. Colm

# Memorandum



August 23, 1991

TO: R. Byron Pipes  
Provost

FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson *lg*  
Educational Studies

RE: Your Memo of August 21

Thank you for your memo of August 21.


I would appreciate it if you could clarify its last sentence. What you mean, more specifically, when you say that you will support the Sociology Department's final decisions? I assume you mean that you would support only decisions that are based on valid and non-pretextual curricular reasons.

# Memorandum



August 30, 1991

TO: Linda Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

FROM: R. Byron Pipes   
Provost

SUBJECT: Faculty Responsibility in Degree Programs

The intent of the last sentence in my memorandum of August 21, 1991 was to reaffirm the responsibility of the faculty to make judgements regarding the appropriateness of course material in degree programs. When uniform procedures and criteria are employed in course evaluation, the faculty have the full responsibility in these matters.

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# Memorandum



September 5, 1991

TO: R. Byron Pipes  
Provost

FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson *lg*  
Educational Studies

RE: Your Memo of August 30

Thank you for your memo of August 30. I am afraid, however, that it does not particularly clarify matters. Specifically, may political or ideological criteria be used in approving new course cross-listings or removing existing ones if those criteria are "uniform[ly]...employed?"

# Memorandum



September 5, 1991


TO: R. Byron Pipes  
Provost

10 → FROM: Linda S. Gottfredson *lg*  
Educational Studies

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Thank you for your memo of August 30. I am afraid, however, that it does not particularly clarify matters. Specifically, may political or ideological criteria be used in approving new course cross-listings or removing existing ones if those criteria are "uniformly applied?"

*My memo of August 30 is clear and stands as presented.*



# Memorandum



September 20, 1991

TO: Frank Scarpitti, Chair  
Sociology

FROM: Linda Gottfredson *lg*  
Educational Studies

RE: Follow-up to Provost's Directives

I would appreciate knowing what specific actions you have taken or plan to take in response to Provost Pipes' memos of August 7 and 21 on the cross-listing matter.



# Memorandum



September 23, 1991

TO: Linda Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

FROM: Frank R. Scarpitti  
Chair, Sociology/Criminal Justice

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank R. Scarpitti", is written over the printed name in the "FROM:" field.

After receiving Provost Pipes' memo of August 7, I sent the enclosed memo to David Ermann, Chair of the department's Undergraduate Program Committee. I expect the recommendations of that committee to be considered at our October faculty meeting. As far as I am concerned, the course remains cross-listed, as ordered by the Provost.

FRS/tr

Enclosure

August 20, 1991

TO: Dave Ermann  
FROM: Frank Scarpitti

On August 7, 1991, Provost Pipes sent the attached memo regarding the "Cross Listing of EDS 258 by the Department of Sociology." He requests that the faculty of the department review all cross-listed courses "for the purpose of assessing their appropriateness to the academic programs of Sociology."

I am asking the Undergraduate Program Committee to begin such a review as soon as possible after September 4, 1991, and to make recommendations to the full faculty at our regular October faculty meeting. Although some are technically cross-listed, Criminal Justice courses are within our own department and subject to ongoing assessment and may be exempt from review by your committee at this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see me.

attach.

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# Memorandum



October 1, 1991

TO: Linda Gottfredson  
Educational Studies

FROM: Frank R. Scarpitti

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank R. Scarpitti', is written over the printed name.

EDST 258 is not cross-listed in the Fall directory of classes because the schedule for that semester was put together last Spring, after the decision by the faculty of this department to drop the course, but long before the Provost's decision to restore the cross-listing was made. Since the course was not officially uncross-listed in the Registrar's office prior to the Provost's ruling, there is no need to restore the cross-listing at this time. Cross-listed courses initiated and staffed by other departments become part of our teaching schedule only when we are requested by the chair of the other department to add it to our list. As things now stand, we shall handle requests to cross-list EDST 258 as we handle requests to cross-list other courses.