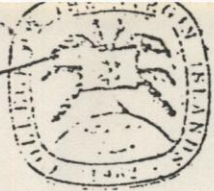


COURSE OFFERINGS COVERING VIRGIN ISLANDS LITERATURE
AND LITERARY FIGURES

(Board of Trustees Meeting, July 14, 1978)

With regard to the request that the curriculum offerings of the College of the Virgin Islands include a course on Virgin Islands literature and literary figures, the President updated the report contained in the College's letter of May 31. He stated to the Board that the Humanities Division faculty was considering a proposal to the Divisional Council of the College that such a course be considered for inclusion in the curriculum, and that while the approval of course offerings was a faculty matter, he anticipated affirmative action in meeting this request.



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Senator Elmo D. Roebuck
President, 12th Legislature
Legislature Building
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801

Dear Senator Roebuck:

Writing in regard to Senate Resolution 925, which is concerned with a request to expand the curriculum offerings of the College of the Virgin Islands relating to Virgin Islands literature and literary figures, we will need more time to provide our report.

As we wrote to Governor Luis on May 19, the legislative resolution did not reach us until well into the 90-day period mentioned in the resolution, and it came at a time in May when the College's faculty members were beginning preparations for the end of the semester final examination period.

As you know, curriculum changes at colleges and universities are worked out by faculty members in the concerned division, in our case the Humanities Division, and where new courses are proposed they are then sent to the academic council of the institution, here called the Divisional Council, for its consideration.

We are now asking to have the necessary sources, texts, syllabi, and other materials collected and reviewed by faculty members, seeking to increase this content, and we will plan to make a further report to you.

Our current offerings include two courses in comparative Caribbean literature, a course in black literature, and a course in African literature taught under the heading of "selected topics." We are also using our Black History month program to generate plays, poetry, and other forms of literature; and in this sense, we are helping to develop a Virgin Islands literature. We are also publishing the writings of our best students in various forms and some of these students have had their work published in nationally circulated publications.

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We wish to be as affirmative as possible in meeting the need expressed to provide additional curriculum coverage of Virgin Islands literature and prominent Virgin Islands literary figures.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Paiewonsky
Chairman, Board of Trustees