

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 12, 1971 - Faculty Cafeteria - 2:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Michael Steuerman, Chairman, presiding
F. Berger, N. Bindler, J. Buckley, A. Campbell (student),
R. Farrelly, H. Harris, F. Heinz, G. Hobbs, W. Hobbs,
H. Jick, M. Kalin, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner, A. Lande,
A. Levey, T. Opium (student), M. Pollack, C. Polowczyk,
O. Rodzianko, M. Rosenstock, M. Salzberg, A. Simon,
J. Sweeney, E. Weiss, W. Zalkin

GUEST: R. Donovan

I. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 5, 1971 were approved with the following corrections:

- 1) Page 231, item I, sentence 1 - delete 1960 and add 1970.
- 2) Page 232, item III, subdivision 1, paragraph 3, addition to sentence 2, English and Health Education requirements.
- 3) Page 232, item III, subdivision 2, paragraph 1 - delete catalog and add course.

II. Communications

- 1) A letter dated January 6 from Dr. Auser to Prof. Steuerman informing him of the approval of the President and the Dean for the addition of 1 hour recitation to all English elective courses. He requests that the above proposal be placed on the agenda.
- 2) A memo dated December 30 from Dean Ballard to President Colston reviewing the cut-off dates for receipt of all proposals requiring the approval of the Committee on Academic Program. Cut-off dates are January 11 (February 1 meeting,) April 5 (April 29 meeting,) and May 3 (June 1 meeting.)
- 3) The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 10 A.M. in the Faculty Cafeteria.

III. Art and Music Department Proposals for Revised Curriculum AAS in Music

Dr. . Salzberg announced a redistribution of courses in the proposed curricula. The total credit requirements for the degree are now set at 66-68.

Dr. Salzberg expressed a rationale for the Music 11 course remaining in the Core. It was to facilitate the students' transfer to Lehman College.

The English representative objected to the decrease in English requirements in this curricula. He indicated that since English is a basic course for all curricula and services all departments, it should therefore play a greater role in all curricula requirements.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

IV. City University - Bachelor of Arts Degree

Prof. Kolliner presented the recommendation of the Subcommittee charged (meeting of January 5) to consider the proposal for a City University sponsored Bachelor of Arts degree.

It was moved and seconded to amend the recommendation to reflect a starting date of Fall 1972 in lieu of Fall 1971.

Motion defeated: Yes - 3 No - 14

It was moved and seconded to accept the report of the Subcommittee:

"The Curriculum Committee approves in principle the proposed City University Bachelor of Arts degree and recommends the participation of Bronx Community College in the CUNY-B.A. Program.

Among the reasons for approval of the degree are the following:

1. All the resources of the City University - intellectual and physical - will become available to students enrolled in the program without regard to the College in which they are registered. The resulting expansion of educational opportunity will benefit especially those students enrolled in units where local resources are limited.

2. Problems of credit transfer will be eliminated.

3. Implicit in the proposed degree is recognition of the academic equality of two and four-year colleges.

4. The opportunity will be expanded for faculty to realize their intellectual potential more fully through encouragement of approaches not possible in conventional classroom instruction.

5. The program will make it possible to individualize and personalize the instructional program to meet specific student interests and needs.

6. The program will encourage closer student-faculty relations and stimulate student-faculty interaction.

7. Students will be able to develop an integrated program of study drawn from various areas of study and experience.

8. The proposal is consistent with the spirit of the Liberal Arts curriculum revision and the report of the Subcommittee on Revision of the Liberal Arts curriculum which were adopted last spring by the Faculty Council.

9. The proposal holds promise of being a motivating factor for students whose needs are not met by existing course offerings.

10. The validity of learning outside the classroom is recognized.

The Curriculum Committee also endorses the intent, expressed in VI.C, of the proposal, to evaluate the CUNY-B.A. Program on a continuing basis.

The Curriculum Committee is aware that many details of the program have not been explicitly stated in the proposal and believes that many provisions of the program need further

clarification. *Therefore, the Curriculum Committee recommends that implementation of the program be subject to the development of guidelines which will be submitted for review to each constituent unit of City University. Among (but not limited to) the areas which the guidelines should cover are the following:

1. Assurance of adequate budgetary and administrative support.
2. The matter of faculty compensation and adjustment of teaching hours for service on faculty committees.
3. Standards for the award of academic credit for field work, independent study, travel, etc.
4. Clarification of transfer arrangements.
5. Composition of faculty committees, including provision for change of membership.
6. The manner in which students will be advised about the program and provision for orientation.
7. Conditions, if any, for admission to the program.
8. The determination of competence in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.
9. The role of the Chancellor's office in appeal cases in relation to the responsibilities of existing faculty bodies.
10. Provision for the regular reporting of programs of study, including the non-classroom portion, by faculty committees to the Curriculum Committee of the unit in which the student is enrolled.
11. Clarification of the responsibilities and term of office of the Public Defender."

*The following statement and guidelines, although not present in the original recommendation, were approved in principle and inserted at a later date at the request of the Curriculum Committee.

Motion carried: Yes - 18 No - 0

The Curriculum Committee expressed its appreciation to Prof. Kolliner and the Subcommittee for the time and work devoted in preparing the recommendation.

V. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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