

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 30, 1971 - Faculty Cafeteria - 2:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Michael Steuerman, Chairman, presiding  
 F. Berger, N. Bindler, R. Farrelly, J. Furst, J. Hamell,  
 H. Harris, G. Hobbs, H. Jick, M. Kalin, M. Kanuck, R. King,  
 J. Kolliner, A. Lande, A. Levey, M. Pollack, C. Polowczyk,  
 K. Pomeranz, O. Rodzianko, M. Rosenstock, A. Simon,  
 J. Sweeney, E. Weiss, W. Zalkin

GUESTS: M. Frank, M. Krieger, G. Laveron, C. Leake,  
 M. McChisney, A. Paullay, N. Pessah

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 23 were approved with the following corrections:

- Page 275, item III, No. 2 - delete "slow"
- No. 4 - delete "dangers of"
- No. 5 - delete "vs" and insert "and"
- Page 276, item VI, line 13 - delete triple asterisk  
 adjacent to "Business Teaching"

II. Communications

The chairman requested that no additional information supporting future proposals be distributed.

III. English Department New Course Proposals,

1. "Black Poetry" - 3 rec, 1 rec/conf, 3 credits

Catalog Description: Poetry of all modes by Black American poets. Consideration of the social environments producing this literature; a study of the techniques and subjects of various Black poets, particularly of the Harlem Renaissance and the Black Revolution, but not limited to these works alone. Readings will include the works of: Cullen, McKay, Hughes, Toomer, Tolson, Hayden, Jones, Evans, Brooks, Pritchard, Ted Joans, Victor Hernandez, Cruz and others. Composition will be an integral part of the course. Prerequisite: English 13

It was moved and seconded that the above described course be approved.

Motion carried: Yes - 14      No - 0      Abs. - 1

2. "Oriental Thought in Western Literature" - 3 rec, 1 rec/conf, 3 credits

The representative, with the approval of the Committee, substituted "Oriental" for "Eastern" in the course title. It was to conform with course offered at other units of CUNY.

Catalog Description: An investigation of the ways in which Western writers, including Emerson, Thoreau, Whitman, Hesse, Ginsberg, and Snyder, have incorporated Eastern thought in their works.

III. (continued)

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Students will explore the differences between Oriental and Western thought. Readings in the literature of India, China, and Japan; attendance at museums, films, concerts, and dance performances. Prerequisite: English 13

It was moved and seconded to approve the above described course.

Motion carried: Yes - 15      No - 0      Abs. - 1

IV. Department of Business and Commerce Curriculum Revision, Programs and Systems Option - AAS

The representative indicated the reason for the revision. As a result of additional grants received by the college, the department wishes to introduce Work Experience courses in the curriculum. In addition, it is requested that Dat 42 be reduced by one lecture hour from 5 credits to 4 credits in order to retain a maximum of 68 credits for the degree.

During the discussion, it was noted that some courses in the curriculum have been changed in title and description by the department. Dat 41 (Advanced Programming) is such a course, which is business oriented, but applicable to other areas. The Committee requested information regarding these changes for the next meeting. Other information requested was, transferability, number of students in curricula, and number who successfully complete the curriculum requirements.

It was noted that Dat 41 was also a course which relates to a Mathematics Department offering. It was requested by the Chair that the two departments meet before the next meeting and discuss questions that arose at the meeting.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

V. Department of Business and Commerce New Course Proposal, "Consumer Problems and Personal Finance"

Prof. Krieger indicated that the course is proposed to replace Ret 53 (Current Trends in Retailing.) The prerequisite for the course is Ret 11 or permission of the curriculum coordinator.

The Chairman requested a formal note from the department requesting the withdrawal of Retailing 53 from the college roster.

With recent emphasis on consumerism, the course will provide an introduction to the basic consumer problems of buying and include consumer protection.

Committee sentiment seemed to be in favor of the course. However, several members expressed a desire that the course be open to all students and requested Prof. Krieger to reconsider the prerequisite.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

VI. Speech Department Proposals for Revision in Speech 31, 51, 52

Information supporting the proposed revisions was distributed.

VII. History Department New Course Proposal, "Europe in the Middle Ages" - 3 hours, 3 credits

Information supporting the proposal was distributed.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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