

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 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,  
J. Kolliner, A. Lande, A. Levey, H. Nelson, M. Pollack,  
C. Polowczyk, K. Pomeranz, M. Rosenstock, A. Simon,  
J. Sweeney, E. Weiss, W. Zalkin

GUESTS: B. Eisenberg, A. Gawson

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 4 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 289, item V - Re: Catalog description - delete "3 hours-3 credits" and add 3 rec, 1 rec/conf, 3 credits. Prerequisite for the course, English 13 and ability to read simple musical notation.

Addition - A discussion of a New Course Proposal, "Social and Intellectual History of Modern America," 3 hours-3 credits, occurred during the meeting.

II. Communications

1. Dean Donovan announced that an in-service workshop was being planned for up to 40 BCC faculty members at a Jesuit monastery in upstate New York. Topics for discussion are open. The workshop dates will be June 20-25. Interested faculty members should contact Dean Donovan for further information.
2. The Chairman announced that funds were available to members of the Curriculum Committee who wish to attend a June 16-18 conference at Cape Cod Community College. Topic: "Responsibility and Accountability in Community Colleges."

III. Agenda Revision

It was moved and seconded to revise the agenda for the meeting of May 18. Items to be discussed will be limited to curricula revisions.

Motion carried: Yes - 17      No - 0      Abs. - 0

The last meeting for the semester (May 25) will be limited to Subcommittee reports. Both meetings to begin at 10 A.M.

IV. History Department, New Course Proposal, "Social and Intellectual History of Modern America" - 3 hours, 3 credits

Catalog Description: A study of the fundamental concepts of the American experience that permeate our lives today, including puritanism, class consciousness, prejudice, violence, feminism, pragmatism. Prerequisite: History 11 or History 12.

IV. (continued)

It was moved and seconded to approve the above described course, "Social and Intellectual History of Modern America."

Motion carried: Yes - 18      No - 0      Abs. - 0

V. Physics Department New Course Proposals,

1. "Ecolophysics" - 3 hours, 3 credits
2. "The Ideas of Contemporary Physics" - 3 hours, 2 lab, 4 crs

The proposed course, "Ecolophysics," was being designed for Liberal Arts students who are interested in the Physics of Ecology.

Assimilation of the course was based on a publication in the Journal of Physics October/70. The course would emphasize methodology for evaluating thermal pollution, limitation of noise levels, depletion of natural resources, etc.

A minimum of reading and mathematical abilities would be required to register for the course.

Questions arose concerning possible conflict between the proposed course and those being proposed by the Biology and Chemistry departments. Suggestions were made that the three departments meet concerning this matter.

It was moved and seconded to require all new proposals to go through the Dean of Faculty's office to avoid conflicts.

A motion to challenge the rule of the Chair was defeated.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the Chair's ruling.

Motion defeated: No - 12      Yes - 5      Abs. - 0

The proposed course, "The Ideas of Contemporary Physics," will concern itself with the contemporary Physics scene and will be open to Liberal Arts and non-science students.

The course will provide a substantial educational experience for students who wish to expand their scientific literacy and broaden their understanding of contemporary thought.

Subject matter to be covered in this course is distinct from that in Physics 11.

Discussion of both Physics courses to continue at a subsequent meeting.

VI. History Department New Course Proposal, "Social and Intellectual History of Modern Europe" - 3 hours, 3 credits

The proposed course will permit interested students to pursue study of some of the intellectual and social issues in modern history. The course will supplement the "History of Western Civilization."

VI. (continued)

A similar course is presently being offered at City and Lehman Colleges. It is assumed transferability for a History Major will be accepted by these senior colleges.

Prerequisites for the course are History 11 or History 12.

Discussion will continue at a subsequent meeting.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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