

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 1971 - Faculty Cafeteria - 10:15 A.M.

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

GUESTS: G. Davis, J. Gosselin, B. Witlieb

I. Approval of the minutes of May 11 was postponed until next meet'g.

II. Communications

A letter dated May 14 from Prof. Steuerman to Prof. Berger requesting copies of the recently adopted CCNY Bachelor of Technology Program to aid the Committee in its deliberations on the proposed Mechanical Technology curriculum revision.

III. Engineering Department Proposal for Revision in Mechanical Technology.

Prof. Berger distributed the requested CCNY Bachelor of Technology pattern sheets. He informed the Committee that the required credits in the proposed revision were reduced to 64-68. Credit reduction was noted to be in the area of Mechanical Technology. Math 16 and 17 will complete the Math requirement.

Those students who have completed equivalent courses will be recommended to take Math 18 or another course, as approved by the Curriculum Coordinator.

Work experience in the curricula is provided for the students in the form of term projects. Each student is assigned an individual project with instructor guidance. This includes designing, drawing and manufacturing equipment. It was noted that a detailed study of the Mechanical and Electrical Technology curriculum has been completed by Prof. Berger and Dr. Eagle.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

IV. Curriculum Revision, Black and Puerto Rican Option.

Mr. Davis identified the major changes as those that were necessitated in order to comply with the recent changes in the Language requirements at the college and the addition of new specialization courses.

Articulation has been occurring with the senior colleges concerning this option. During the discussion, questions arose concerning the Special Education Department's exclusion from this curriculum.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

V. Curriculum Revision in Secretarial Studies - High School Teaching Option.

Prof. Farrelly reviewed the changes in the curriculum. They included changes in Language requirements and the adoption of a recently approved "Business Communications" course.

The proposed revision will limit the required courses, increase electives, and permit the completion of all Secretarial Skills at Bronx Community College.

Discussion also included possible granting of credit to students who possess certain secretarial skills. At present no such policy exists within this department.

VI. Physics Department New Course Proposals,

A. "Ecolophysics" - 3 hours, 3 credits

B. "The Ideas of Contemporary Physics" - 3 hours, 2 lab, 4 cr.

A. Ecolophysics

It was moved and seconded to table discussion of the proposed course pending a meeting of the representatives of the Science Departments.

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

B. The Ideas of Contemporary Physics

Prof. Weiss described the course as one which will introduce contemporary physics to the non-science student.

Prerequisite for the course will be RDL-02 and Math 05. Concern was expressed that certain topics may be difficult to explain without additional prerequisites and the inequity that would result if both science and non-science students were permitted to register for this course.

In regard to transferability, it was noted that City College accepts for transfer a "Physical Science for Non-Science Students" course, which has similarities to the proposed course.

It was requested that prospects for transferability be explored with senior colleges and a more detailed syllabus be available for the next meeting.

VII. Curriculum Revision, Education Associate

Prof. Graves reviewed the purpose of the curriculum. It was designed for teachers' aides who wish to continue their education. In the revision, four education courses are required. It was noted that one of the courses (Contemporary Urban Education) has not been approved by the Curriculum Committee and, therefore, cannot be considered with the proposed curriculum. Information supporting the proposed course was distributed.

Concern was expressed over the lack of additional English requirements in the curricula. Prof. Graves indicated that reconsideration would be given to this item.

VII. (continued)

It was also hoped that the education courses could be open to the entire student body for elective credit.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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