

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 7, 1971 - Faculty Cafeteria - 2:25 P.M.

PRESENT: Michael Steuerman, Chairman, presiding

F. Berger, N. Bindler, M. Costa, D. Davidson, R. Fugazzi,  
J. Furst, A. Gamson, J. Gosselin, H. Harris, G. Hobbs,  
H. Jick, M. Kalin, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner, A. Lande,  
A. Levey, M. Pollack, M. Rosenstock, H. Stein, J. Sweeney,  
M. Weiss

GUESTS: M. Krieger, R. Perez, M. Wenzel

I. Approval of Minutes

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

Page 20, line 28, add word "credit" in order that phrase reads, "resolved the credit question."

Page 21, line 3, add sentence, "ESL 13 to be known as ESL 11."

line 6, delete ESL 13 and add ESL 11.

The minutes of November 30 were approved with the following additions:

Page 23, line 22, add phrase "4 sections" in order that sentence reads, "would be about \$2000 (4 sections) necessitated by the decrease in class size."

line 37, add "or their equivalents" in order that sentence reads, "prerequisites for the course are RDL 02 and Mth 06 or their equivalents."

II. Communications and Announcements

- 1) A memo dated November 29 from Prof. Bullard to Prof. Steuerman informing him that certain elective courses in the Liberal Arts curriculum were not meant to be credited toward Liberal Arts requirements and these should be noted by each department in the college catalog.
- 2) A memo dated November 30 from Prof. Jick to Prof. Berger reminding him that the Mathematics Department's projected change in Math 06 course content occurred after the deadline for submission to the catalog and therefore was not revised in the current catalog. The above change will be noted in the new catalog.
- 3) A memo dated December 3 from Prof. Berger to Prof. Jick indicating that he had not noted any effort by her to rectify the

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incorrect Math 06 sequence in the college catalog as he has done in regard to errors in Electrical and Mechanical Technology curricula.

- 4) A memo dated December 2 from Peter Velez (Student Government President) to Prof. Steuerman listing student questions regarding "Curricula options." It was hoped that the requested answers would be published in the new student handbook.
- 5) A memo dated December 1 from Dean Rosenstock to Prof. Steuerman requesting no further discussion on a Social Science Department Proposal concerning the "Nature of Options" at Bronx Community College pending an inquiry and the preparation of an appropriate statement for the college catalog.

- III. 1) Physics Department New Course Proposal, "Ecolophysics."  
2) Interscience Subcommittee Report.

Prof. Weiss withdrew "Ecolophysics" from further consideration. He reported for the "Interscience Subcommittee" (Profs. Kanuck, Polowczyk, Weiss) which was charged to review the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Departments Ecology course proposals and make recommendations concerning these proposals. He reported that the Chemistry and Physics Departments' Ecology proposals were being withdrawn and the Subcommittee recommends in their place an interdisciplinary (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) integrated Ecology course. The Subcommittee also recognizes the need for the Biology sponsored "Fundamentals of Ecology" and recommends its approval.

A short discussion centered around the interdisciplinary proposal.

Despite Prof. Weiss' concern about administrative aspects of the course, Dean Rosenstock indicated the innovative idea had merit and encouraged further development. The Chair referred to the minutes of May 25, 1970 (pages 300-301) where the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Long Range Proposals included the development of interdisciplinary courses at Bronx Community College.

It was moved and seconded to postpone until January 4/72 discussion of the interdisciplinary Ecology course pending its development.

Motion carried: Unanimously

IV. Department of Health and Physical Education, "Program Planning and Leadership in Recreation" (3 hours-3 credits)

Prof. Wenzel explained that the proposed course would enable students to plan, organize and provide leadership in program participation. The course was described primarily as a theoretical one. Concern was expressed over possible overlapping of subject matter with a program presently offered by the Bronx Council on the Arts. It was noted that students in that program are performing arts students and the proposed course would be offered primarily, but not restricted, to non-performing arts students. Other questions requesting a reply at the next meeting included prerequisites and field work involvement in the course.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

V. Department of History, New Course Proposal, "Intellectual History of Modern Europe" (3 hours-3 credits)

Dr. Felix described the course as one which will develop in line with student interest, utilize "Modern Master" paperbacks, and require two term papers.

Discussion focussed on the transferability question. The proposed course is recommended for elective credit only. A question arose as to the possibility of transfer for the course as major credit. It was hoped that students who elect a "History Option" would gain credit toward their major in lieu of only elective credit.

It was moved and seconded to extend discussion beyond the 20 minute restriction.

Motion carried: Yes - 13      No - 2

At the end of 40 minutes, it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried: Yes - 10      No - 3

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael J. Kanuck per JJK*

Michael J. Kanuck  
Secretary