

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 14, 1971 - Faculty Cafeteria - 2:20 P.M.

PRESENT: Michael Steuerman, Chairman, presiding
F. Berger, N. Bindler, M. Costa, R. Fugazzi, J. Furst,
A. Gamson, J. Gosselin, J. Hamell, H. Harris, S. Heinemann,
G. Hobbs, H. Jick, M. Kalin, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner,
A. Lande, A. Levey, R. Perez, M. Pollack, M. Rosenstock,
H. Stein, J. Sweeney, M. Weiss

GUESTS: C. Daly, A. Galub, A. Paullay, M. Wenzel

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 7 were approved.

Re: Minutes of November 30 - clarification

Page 23, paragraph 6 - The four class sections referred to represent two sections of Field Work and Seminar in Psychology, one section of Field Work and Seminar in Sociology, and one section of Field Work and Seminar in Political Science.

II. Communications and Announcements

- 1) A letter dated December 7 from Dr. Doroshkin to Prof. Steuerman informing him that the department chairman and representative had developed and were preparing 3 new courses to the Curriculum Committee without consulting the instructors of the concerned disciplines.
- 2) A memo dated December 8 from Dr. Polowczyk to Prof. Steuerman informing him of the fact that the Subcommittee on Computer Science has been unable to complete its deliberations. He requests the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee to call a meeting with the President and the affected departments to clarify the intent of the President's letter (dated Sept. 16).
- 3) A memo dated December 9 from Prof. Jick to Prof. Steuerman reaffirming that the Mathematics Department has never submitted material for the catalog without receiving prior approval from the Curriculum Committee. - *No incorrect sequence*
- 4) A memo dated December 13 from Prof. Steuerman to Peter Velez (President Student Government) acknowledging receipt of his memo of December 2, and replying that the intent of options in the Liberal Arts curriculum is to serve as guidelines for students who wish to specialize in a particular area of Liberal Arts. He indicates that he is forwarding a copy of students' memo to Dr. Monticone (Liberal Arts Curriculum

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Coordinator) so he may respond to questions that pertain to his area of responsibility.

III. Department of Physics New Course Proposal, "The Ideas of Contemporary Physics."

Prof. Weiss distributed four letters from the Chairmen of Queens, Lehman, Hunter and Baruch Colleges indicating the acceptance of the proposed course to fill elective and major requirements.

In reply to questions, the representative distinguished the proposed course from the classical Physics 11 and 12 presently offered by indicating it was a one semester course designed for non-science students.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed course, "The Ideas of Contemporary Physics."

Motion carried: Yes - 19 No - 0 Abs. - 1

Catalog Description: 3 hours, 2 lab, 4 credits

Prerequisite: RDL 02, MTH 06 or equivalent

A non-mathematical and descriptive study of the fields of contemporary physics for non-science majors, the special and general theories of relativity, wave mechanics and quantum theory, atomic and nuclear physics, fundamental particles. A survey of the boundaries of knowledge and contemporary research in such areas as solid state physics, high energy physics, laser optics, gravity waves, radio and x-ray astronomy.

IV. Department of Social Science New Course Proposals, "Field Work and Seminar in Psychology," "Field Work and Seminar in Political Science," "Field Work and Seminar in Sociology."

It was moved and seconded to postpone action on the proposed course, "Field Work and Seminar in Psychology" until January 4.

Motion carried: Unanimously

Prof. Harris responded to the Doroshkin letter (see Communications). He disagreed with the accusations in the letter and indicated that the courses presently being considered by the Committee evolved after deliberations with department members and the Dean of Faculty. He noted that a majority (3) of sociologists had approved the proposed course, "Field Work and Seminar in Sociology."

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The representative noted that although the proposed number of courses have increased, there was no change in substance from the original course proposal which was approved by Dr. Doroshkin.

Dr. Galub reported that all members of the department had an opportunity to become involved in developing the proposed courses.

Discussion centered around the Sociology and Political Science proposals. The Chair noted that Prof. Krieger (Cooperative Education Coordinator) has expressed interest in the proposal. He recommended that a representative of the department confer with him regarding the proposal.

Action on the proposed courses will not occur until January 4, pending a Presidential inquiry regarding financial capabilities.

V. Department of Health and Physical Education New Course Proposal, "Program Planning and Leadership in Recreation." (3 hours, 3 cr)

Prof. Steuerman replied to questions raised at the last meeting. He indicated the co-requisite for the course would be Eng 13.

In regard to practical aspects, the proposed course will include dance and music. Speech department involvement in the course is also being considered.

The proposed course will receive major credit at Lehman and elective credit at City College. Course will also be used to prepare students for recreational leadership positions. Hope was expressed that grant money may be available to aid in financing the course.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed course, "Program Planning and Leadership in Recreation."

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

Catalog Description: 3 hours, 3 credits
Co-requisite : Eng 13

A survey of community agencies providing recreational opportunities. An overview of the variety of program areas associated with recreation is discussed and attention is given to the recreation interests and needs of the participants. Leadership application, so far as this course is concerned, deals with the students obtaining a practical knowledge of group situations, and the principles necessary for effective leadership.

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Kantuck per P.K.
Michael J. Kantuck, Sec'y.