

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 4, 1972 - Faculty Cafeteria - 2:30 P.M.

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

GUESTS: F. Costello, R. Donovan, S. Ehrenpreis, W. Sokolsky

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 21 were approved.

II. Communications and Announcements

A memo dated December 22 from Prof. Steuerman to Dean Donovan (Chairman of the Committee on Remediation) informing him that the Curriculum Committee will consider, at their next meeting, a new course proposal entitled, "Preparatory History" and inviting him to share his committee's views at that time with the Curriculum Committee.

Prof. Bindler announced that City College has informed him of their acceptance, for major credit, the recently approved History elective courses.

Negotiations with City College and other institutions will continue regarding other History courses.

The Chairman reviewed the agenda items received during the Fall semester and indicated that a chronological list would be prepared and distributed to committee members.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will take place on January 18 at 10 A.M. in the Kingsbridge Center Faculty Lounge.

III. Department of Physics New Course Proposal, "Introduction to Geophysics"

Postponed at the request of the department representative until February 1.

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."

Postponed at the request of the department.

V. History Department New Course Proposal, "Preparatory History 01"
(non-credit)

Dr. Bindler produced admission statistics which showed that approximately 55% of incoming freshmen will have averages of 70 or below. He emphasized an urgent need for remediation in the area of History.

Prof. Ehrenpreis responded to questions raised at the last meeting.

The History Department favors an individual department effort in History remediation in lieu of a concentrated effort by the college. He expressed the feeling that this approach would best serve the needs of Bronx Community College students.

He disagreed with the thought that a remedial History course would duplicate the work of RDL courses and suggested instead that they would complement each other. It was also indicated that Dr. Kibbee, while visiting Bronx Community College, expressed the need for remediation in subject areas.

An additional hour in an existing course would only result in a dilution of course material and would not serve the best interests of the students.

The History Department is not opposed to offering the course on an experimental basis with evaluation after an elapsed period of time.

Placement exams presently exist and would be used to qualify students for the proposed course.

The proposal would undoubtedly require additional funds and it was requested that a commitment be made by the college to implement this program.

No contact was made with the recently formed Committee on Remediation. It was noted that the History Department had been developing this proposal for the past 18 months and the above committee was just recently formed.

In response to questions,

Dean Donovan indicated that the Committee on Remediation was established on November 19 and charged to study and coordinate remediation at Bronx Community College. It consists of a representative from each department who will be working with Dr. Eagle in collecting data regarding remediation at Bronx Community College. He informed the Committee that a city-wide committee was formed and is presently gathering resource information on remediation

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within CUNY.

During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that a meeting take place between Dean Donovan and the representatives of History and the Special Educational Services departments to discuss the proposal and its ramifications.

Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

VI. Department of Health and Physical Education New Course Proposal,
"Field Work in Community Health Resources"

Information supporting the proposal was distributed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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