

BROWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Minutes of the CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 7, 1972 - Kingsbridge Faculty Lounge - 2:30 P.M.

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

GUESTS: S. Ehrenpreis, M. Hirsch, J. Rempson, M. Stillerman

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 29 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 53, item II, memo 2, line 2 - delete "this" and add
"the."

Page 55, line 25, delete "3 lab" and add "4 lab."

II. Communications and Announcements

A memo dated March 6 from Dean Donovan to Prof. Steuerman informing him of the progress of the Task Force on Remediation and indicating that preliminary analysis reveals that there is considerable sentiment against the proliferation of remedial courses at the college.

The Chairman announced that representatives of departments with interests in Computer Science have agreed to meet with the Subcommittee on Thursday, March 9 at 1 P.M.

Prof. F. Berger informed the Committee that he will participate under protest with the Subcommittee. He indicated that his objection is with the membership of that Committee.

Dean Stillerman responded affirmatively to a question raised at the last meeting concerning the legality of tax levy money for certificate programs. It was recommended by Dean McGrath (Dean of Community Colleges) that certificate programs that may be developed, be transferable to existing Associate Curricula at the college.

III. Department of History New Course Proposal, "The History of American Foreign Relations"

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed course, "The History of American Foreign Relations."

Motion carried: Yes - 16 No - 0 Abs. - 0

III. (continued)

Catalog Description: The major developments in the foreign relations of the United States--from the American Revolution to Vietnam--and their domestic and international effects are dealt with, the emphasis being on the policies and involvements of this century. The concern is with the evolution of the republic into a world power and the consequent tensions, crises, and outright warfare, as well as with the origins and progress of efforts at international cooperation and peace.

(3 hours, 3 credits) - Prerequisites: HIS 11, or 12

IV. Chemistry Department New Course Proposal, "Chemistry for Citizens"

After a short discussion which resulted in an addition to the catalog description, it was moved and seconded to approve the proposed course, "Chemistry for Citizens."

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

Catalog Description: An examination of some problems arising from the expanding human population and increasing industrial technology and to study how chemistry relates to and can aid in understanding the problems and attempting the solutions. Lab will include: Introduction to properties of some common and not so common chemicals, and use of some of the techniques used in present pollution detection and monitoring.

Students who desire to take this course should consult the catalog of the college of their choice.

(3 class hours, 3 credits)

Lab to be optional (3 lab hours, 1 credit)

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

Dr. Bindler reviewed the necessity for the proposed course. He reviewed admission statistics which showed that approximately 55% of last Fall's entering freshmen had averages of 70 or below. He emphasized an urgent need for remediation in the area of History. He further indicated that the proposed course, if approved, would be offered on an experimental basis.

Concern was expressed that the proposed course would duplicate much of the content of existing RDL courses. Sentiment was expressed in favor of concentrated efforts in remediation as opposed to individual department efforts.

Student sentiment was expressed against non-credit remedial courses.

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In reply to questions, Dean Donovan indicated that the Task Force on Remediation expects to make a report after Easter. Some sentiment was expressed to await this report.

The representative of the History Department hoped that the proposed course could be approved on an experimental basis now, in order to give entering freshmen with disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to succeed in college history.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried: Yes - 11 No - 4 Abs. - 0

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Kanuck
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Secretary

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