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Kingsbridge Center Lounge
2:22 P.M.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arlene Levey.
2. The Minutes. The minutes of Tuesday, November 28, 1972, were approved as written.
3. Attendance. The following people were in attendance:
 - a. Members - N. Bindler, C. Bogusky (student), R. Bowman, D. Bullard, B. Ettinger, R. Gosselin, H. Harris, S. Heinemann, G. Hobbs, H. Jick, M. Kalin, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner, A. Levey, N. McLaughlin, S. Moulton (student), M. Pollack, J. Riley, M. Steuerman, J. Sweeney, E. Weiss.
 - b. Guests - C. Auser, M. Frank, L. Gottesman, L. Lieberman, B. Witlieb, A. Wolk.
4. Correspondence. Dean M. Rosenstock stated in a memorandum to Chairperson Levey that, as a result of the reorganization of responsibilities, Professor Dolores Bullard, Assistant Dean for Academic Programs, will be the representative of the Office of the Dean of Faculty to the Curriculum Committee. He will serve as the alternate member.
5. English Department.
 - a. Folklore. Professor M. Frank of the English Department presented a minority report to the Committee concerning the wide variety of courses being offered by his department. He stated that he was not opposed to electives as such. However, he is concerned about these elective courses being placed on the books now when such a large number of students cannot read or write. He feels that the emphasis in English courses should be directed to reading, writing, and "formal" English. He requested that the Committee send the courses back to the English Department for further study. Dr. C. Auser and Professor L. Gottesman answered the charges and defended the right to offer electives for three hours--three credits like other departments. They felt that the courses should not be returned to the English Department, for the courses had already been passed by a majority vote there. The motion to approve the proposed course, Folklore, was carried. Yes - 16, No - 2, Abstentions - 3.

Catalog Description. A study of the folk literature extant in America including an examination of oral traditions such as folk speech, proverbs, folktales, folk songs and ballads. Students will also become acquainted with elements of folk superstitions, dramas, and games as well as folk life. The prerequisite is English 13. 3 hours--3 credits.

- b. Introduction to Jewish Folklore. A discussion of the English elective courses presently before the Committee, led to questions about other elective courses passed by the Committee since the revision of the Liberal Arts curriculum. It was felt that the Committee should have basic facts about how many elective courses have been offered, which courses have materialized, how many were cancelled for lack of students, and other registration factors concerning these electives. It was decided to review the report of the Subcommittee on Course Evaluation which was presented at the May 9, 1972 meeting as it contains many of the concerns mentioned here. The Secretary will distribute to all Committee members a copy of the report and the May 9 minutes. The report of the Subcommittee will be placed on the next agenda.

A motion to send the other three elective English courses--Introduction to Jewish Folklore, Knights, Ladies and Romance, and Children's Literature, --back to the English Department for further consideration, was defeated. Yes - 8, No - 12, Abstentions - 1.

6. Distribution. The Department of Social Sciences distributed the course proposal, Solving Social Problems Through the Political Process. This course has already been reviewed by the Subcommittee on Elective Procedures and will be presented to the full Committee in an omnibus motion.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. H.
Gloria L. Hobbs
Secretary

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