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Kingsbridge Center Lounge
2:25 P. M.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arlene Levey.
2. The Minutes. The minutes of Tuesday, December 5, 1972, were approved with the addition of the name of J. Hamell to the attendance list.
3. Attendance. The following people were in attendance:
 - a. Members - N. Bindler, R. Bowman, D. Bullard, B. Ettinger, R. Gosselin, J. Hamell, H. Harris, S. Heinemann, G. Hobbs, H. Jick, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner, A. Levey, N. McLaughlin, S. Moulton (student), M. Pollack, M. Steuerman, J. Sweeney, E. Weiss.
 - b. Alternates - A. Baskind.
 - c. Guests - M. Frank, L. Gottesman, L. Lieberman, G. Motola, B. Witlieb.
4. Correspondence. President J. Colston expressed his feelings about the four-hour, three-credit course proposal, Cinema and Literature, in a memorandum to Dr. C. Auser with copies to Chairperson Levey and Deans Bullard and Rosenstock. Cinema and Literature was approved by the Curriculum Committee on November 21, 1972. He stated that, because of "increasing budgetary stringency," the College's policy, of which the English Department is aware, is "not to introduce new elective courses carrying excess contact hours." Since he knows "of no real educational need for the fourth hour in this course," he would not authorize its presentation and would urge the English Department to reconsider the course in the light of these factors. The discussion of this correspondence led to a dialogue on the Committee's understanding of credit allocated for laboratory hours as opposed to that given for recitation hours. There was some sentiment that it is the department's responsibility to determine the "educational needs" of its courses. Chairperson Levey said that she would try to incorporate the thinking of the Committee in her response to President Colston's memorandum.
5. English Department.
 - a. The Elective English Courses. The motion to table the three elective courses--Introduction to Jewish Folklore, Knights, Ladies and Romance, and Children's Literature--was defeated. Yes - 8, No - 9, Abstentions - 1.

- b. Introduction to Jewish Folklore. The motion to approve the proposed course, Introduction to Jewish Folklore, was carried.
Yes - 17, No - 0, Abstentions - 1.

Catalog Description. The course will serve as an introduction to Jewish folklore and as such we will consider a contribution made by the Biblical exegetes, Agadah, and Midrashic literature. In addition, the mores and folk-ways of Jewish life in the "pale" and the development of special literature (i. e. the stories of Chelm, Sholem Aleichem) will be studied. Finally, the class will analyze modern American and Israeli literature and see the effect of Jewish folklore on such writers as Malamud, Roth, Agnon, Singer. All works studied will be in English or in English translation. The prerequisite is English 13. 3 hours--3 credits.

- c. Knights, Ladies and Romance. The motion to table Knights, Ladies and Romance until the English Department received more current letters of transferability was defeated. Yes - 3, No - 13, Abstentions - 0. The motion to approve the proposed course, Knights, Ladies and Romance, was carried. Yes - 13, No - 1, Abstentions - 5.

Catalog Description. The reading and discussion of appropriate selections (in Modern English): Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Second Shepherd's Play, Everyman, love lyrics, Malory's Morte d'Arthur, sagas, Dante's Inferno, Arabian Nights, Irish heroic tales, Hebrew tales of King Arthur and El Cid. The prerequisite is English 13. 3 hours--3 credits.

- d. Children's Literature. The letters of transferability from the English Department of City College and Baruch College were negative in regards to core and major requirements. It was pointed out that traditionally Children's Literature is taught by the Education Department of a college. The motion to approve the proposed course, Children's Literature, was passed. Yes - 6, No - 2, Abstentions - 9. In view of the large abstention vote, the English Department agreed to contact the Education Departments of the senior colleges our students attend concerning the acceptance of this course for core and major requirements.

Catalog Description. Discussions and lectures on the history, development, and critical evaluation of children's literature (including works from other cultures in translation), and the opportunity to write a work for children. The prerequisite is English 13. 2 hours--2 credits.

- e. Journalism II. The question of transferability was again raised. The English Department representative said that he would attempt to contact Journalism, Speech and Communications Departments of the senior colleges by the next meeting.

6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P. M. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 1973. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!