

MINUTES  
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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
of

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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Alumni Gym  
Conference Room  
2:20 P. M.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arlene Levey.
2. The Minutes. The minutes of February 19, 1974 were approved with the following corrections or additions:
  - a. Prof. E. Weiss should have been listed among those members present.
  - b. Prof. A. Baskind's name was incorrectly spelled.
  - c. Addition and clarification of the handling of recommendations of the sub-committee to study alternatives for the proposed experimental nursing curriculum subsequent to reporting back to the Curriculum Committee, Item 4b, Page 28. "These recommendations will then be considered by the Department of Nursing."
3. Attendance. The following people were in attendance:
  - a. Members - D. Bullard, B. Ettinger, R. Gosselin, J. Hamell, H. Harris, R. Harris, S. Heinemann, H. Jick, M. Kanuck, J. Kolliner, A. Levey, N. McLaughlin, M. Pollack, J. Ryan, M. Steuerman, L. Storer, J. Sweeney, E. Weiss
  - b. Alternates - A. Baskind, B. Grutter, H. Sirota, B. Wittlieb
  - c. Guests - M. Abruzzo, T. Benenson, J. Pepper
4. Correspondence.
  - a. A memo from Prof. M. Steuerman, Chairperson of the sub-committee to consider possible alternatives for the proposed experimental nursing curriculum indicated that the initial meeting of the group was planned for February 26, 1974.
  - b. Chairperson Levey noted a lack of correspondence from the Student Government Association naming the new student appointees to the Curriculum Committee.

5. Future Meeting Site. Concern was expressed that the rather small capacity of the Alumni Gym Conference Room might discourage visitors to Curriculum Committee meetings. Alternate meeting sites suggested to be explored by Chairperson Levey include (a) Faculty Dining Room, (b) a reserved dining area in Silver Hall, (c) 109 South Hall, and (d) Faculty Conference Room in Language Hall.
6. Physics Department. Physics for the Life Sciences. Prof. E. Weiss distributed the syllabus for the proposed course. A change of title from Medical Physics to Physics for the Life Sciences was noted. A prerequisite of Math 05 or Math 08 was announced. The adequacy of this math background for the proposed course content was discussed. Some concern about the limited transferability of the proposed course was expressed. This course would not satisfy the requirements of the Physical Therapy and Environmental Science programs at Hunter where a year of liberal arts physics is needed. The motion to approve the proposed course, Physics for the Life Sciences, was carried. Yes - 15, No - 4, Abstentions - 0.

Catalog Description. An introduction to the concepts, procedures, and techniques of physics as applied to the health science professions. Topics include motion of bodies, energy, machines, temperature, electricity, sound, light, and the structure of matter. Included also will be a study of the principle of operation of various medical and nursing devices. The course is intended for those students who do not plan on taking more than 4 credits in physics. The prerequisites are Math 05 or Math 08. 2 lectures, 1 recitation, 2 labs -- 4 credits.

7. Department of Modern Languages.

- a. Elementary Spanish for Nurses and Hospital Personnel I. Prof. J. Sweeney noted that his department was in agreement with the recommendation of the Committee that the course be primarily intended for students with no prior Spanish-speaking experience and that this restriction be indicated in the catalog description. The motion to approve the proposed course, Elementary Spanish for Nurses and Hospital Personnel I, was carried. Yes - 16, No - 3, Abstentions - 0. (The catalog description is not presented here due to the actions taken in Item 7b below.)
- b. Elementary Spanish for Nurses and Hospital Personnel II. There was considerable discussion about the prerequisite for this course. Elementary Spanish for Nurses and Hospital Personnel I was planned as the prerequisite course. Concern was expressed about the admission of students to the second-semester course who had been excluded from the first-semester course because of their prior knowledge of the language. Suggestions that Spanish II or a placement examination might also satisfy the prerequisite were explored. The proposed course, Elementary Spanish for Nurses and Hospital Personnel II, was withdrawn. The motion to reconsider the action just taken on the first course, Elementary Spanish

for Nurses and Hospital Personnel I, in light of the questions posed regarding the prerequisite for the second-semester offering was carried. Yes - 13, No - 5, Abstentions - 1. The motion to remand both proposals to the Department of Modern Languages for consideration of the issues raised by the Committee was carried. Yes - 15, No - 2, Abstentions - 1.

- c. Additional course proposals to be presented by the Department of Modern Languages, Practical Spanish for Community and Civil Service Personnel I and II, Elementary Spanish for Secretarial and Business Personnel I and II, and Advanced Spanish Composition, will be discussed at the next meeting.
8. Mathematics Department. The need for two additional contact hours in Math 31 and one additional contact hour in Math 32 was explained by Prof. H. Jick. There would be no change in credit allocation for these Analytic Geometry and Calculus I and II courses. The proposed revisions of hours follow the lead of City College and are similar to the recent Committee approval of hour revisions for Physics 31, 32, and 33. Action is possible at the next meeting.
9. Distribution. The revised course proposals for Travel and Tourism and the revision of hours for Television: Theory and Practice I (CMV 96), Television: Theory and Practice II (CMV 97), and Linguistic Proficiency in Oral English (CMS 10) were distributed.
10. Appreciation. The Chair expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Prof. Steuerman and his department for their kind hospitality during the meeting.
11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary