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Bronx Community College
of the City University of New York

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

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Minutes of ~~May~~ 27, 1967

Present: Drs. McCulloch and H. Chang, presiding, Dean Corbman, Profs. Lessard, Sokolsky, Sweeney, Gore, Winterfeldt, Hirshfield, Szacho, Lasser, Pulver, Elling.

1. The meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.
2. The minutes of the meeting of March 23 were accepted. Dr. McCulloch's name is to be added to the list of those present.
3. Due to departmental meetings and departmental elections on May 4 the New Faculty Orientation meeting scheduled for that date had to be canceled. The Committee commended the participants of the second New Faculty Orientation meeting for their fine presentations.
4. Dean Corbman, in reference to the second New Faculty Orientation meeting, said that the college is very interested in the use of TV equipment and foresees great potential use of such equipment in the future, especially since flexible walls in the new campus would allow for the setting up of TV studios. He cautioned, however, that in the immediate future manpower and space restrictions would make the use of such equipment difficult.
5. The Committee's Annual Report was discussed. It was decided to have the report written by the secretary of the Committee.
6. Topics for the next year's activities were discussed. It was suggested that, if possible, all departments should become involved but the concern was raised that, generally speaking, too many Committee memberships on the part of some faculty members may restrict the individual's effectiveness as committee members as well as may cause a negative influence on his teaching. The chairman of the Committee plans to follow up this point by a relevant recommendation to the Committee on Committees. The possibility of establishing a faculty member's committee hour as part of his teaching schedule was discussed.

The extent of the Committee's participation in the New Faculty Orientation series for the academic year 1967-68 cannot be established at the present time because of budgetary restrictions which may result in sharply decreased new faculty. On the other hand, the possibility of sponsoring two or three symposia for the entire faculty was considered.

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Other activities which were considered included the development of a measure of teaching effectiveness, a regular letter on teaching innovations to the faculty, a suggestion box for the faculty where new ideas or methods on teaching effectiveness could be deposited, the development of a special bulletin board for communications to the faculty, and finally a study on the academic and educational objectives and methodology of junior colleges.

7. The Committee decided to have elections for chairman at it's May meeting.
8. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karl A. Elling, Secretary