

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION - 2/4/69

Present: W. Sokolsky, Chairman
D. Canty, M. Chang, N. Gore, R. Gorman, A. Hirshfield, W. Hynes,
M. Rosenstock, and H. Winterfeldt.

The meeting commenced at 2:15 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting (Dec. 5, '68) were approved as distributed in the mail.

Prof. Sokolsky, the Chairman, announced that action taken at a recent Faculty Council meeting approved the selection of three students to be voting members of the Committee on Instruction. Mr. Karasik of the Student Council had been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee, said the Chairman, but he had not shown up.

Next, Prof. Sokolsky said that various members of the faculty have given him printed articles which they wrote to be given out to faculty members. However, at the present time there is no central point where faculty members can get at such material. Prof. Hirshfield has material on pedagogy for interested members of the faculty to read.

The Chairman indicated that he would like to go on record as requesting some money for printing material written by faculty members. Dean Rosenstock said that it may be possible for the college facilities to do this without a separate request for money by the Committee on Instruction.

On the item of the Great Teacher Award Prof. Sokolsky suggested that temporary guidelines be set up for defining a "great teacher." But it was pointed out that such a sensitive matter should be approached gingerly without rush. It was then proposed that a Sub-Committee of three persons be formed to deal with the question of the Great Teacher Award.

Another proposal by Prof. Sokolsky was to recommend that each Department in the College devote one Departmental meeting per semester to pedagogy. Some members present pointed out that time is usually an insufficient factor during Departmental meetings so that perhaps only when and if some one feels he has a contribution to make should time be then set aside for this purpose. Another member informed the Committee that his Department already does devote time to pedagogy as suggested.

On the item of Spring Orientation it was pointed out that we owe it to the Student Personnel Department to let them give the program for this semester because their program was cancelled previously. One additional suggestion was to tape the discussion of a group of students' evaluation of the faculty.

Next, Dr. Chang handed out a memorandum about her proposal of a semi-annual publication by the faculty, and made a progress report on this project. Later, Dean Rosenstock suggested that we will work with one of the student representatives who will be in the Committee together with other interested members of the faculty.

Prof. Canty took the floor to demonstrate some cassettes and tapes. He will be giving a subcommittee report on audio-visual aids on March 20 at the Faculty Council meeting, it was announced.

With regard to the Student Questionnaire, Dean Rosenstock said he would like to see the Sub-Committee on Student Questionnaire reactivated - possibly by making a questionnaire to be answered by those instructors who used the questionnaire.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel L. Chang
Secretary