

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION - OCT. 19, 1971

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
M. Chang, R. Donovan, D. Frank, S. Gold, N. Gore, R. Gorman,
R. Harris, A. Hirshfield, A. Lessard, R. Loughlin, E.D.
Santa Rita Jr., J. Ryan, and M. Wise

The meeting started at 2:45 p.m. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved with the following additions.

- 1) "R. Donovan" should be added to the list of those present.
- 2) Dr. Berger would like to add the following paragraphs to the minutes of the last meeting:

"The Chairman read a letter from Prof. I. Hirsh recommending that the faculty, through the Committee on Instruction, investigate and debate the issue of 'accountability' (especially in view of the interest of the New Jersey and New York State legislatures in the issue.)

"Dr. Berger gave a brief report of the Sub-committee's visit to the Governance Committee (at the end of the Spring semester".

"Some members of the Governance Committee questioned the validity or viability of the Instruction Committee 'because it did not have teeth' that is, because it did not have the function of legislating policy (as did the Committee on Academic Standing or the Curriculum Committee). We presented our views on the rationale for our activities and came away with the conviction that members of the Governance Committee were substantially in sympathy with our views that there was no intention on their part to underrate the usefulness or importance of our Committee, but that they were concerned with the problem of giving an appropriate classification to our Committee and designating appropriate duties or responsibilities for it."

Dr. Loughlin distributed copies of his work "The Will To Learn From Others" and gave a warm and perceptive talk on good teaching which all the members present enjoyed and appreciated.

Then, the Chairman read an interesting observation from Robert M. Hutchins of the Fund for the Republic, The Chairman also indicated that he would like this to be attached to the minutes of the next meeting. (See attached)

Lastly, the following subcommittees were set up with names of persons volunteering or appointed by the Chairman to head the subcommittees, shown below.

Minutes of Committee on Instruction (continued)

- 1) Subcommittee on Liaison with Task Force on Governance -- R. Donovan
- 2) Subcommittee on Audio-visual Aid -- D. Cauty
- 3) Subcommittee on Evaluation (Questionnaire & Accountability)-- A. Hirshfield
- 4) Subcommittee on Clearing House of Faculty Information -- N. Gore
- 5) Subcommittee on Membership -- I. Berger
- 6) Subcommittee on Special Events (Cultural) -- M. Wise
- 7) Subcommittee on Demonstration Lessons and Presentations -- R. Gorman
- 8) Subcommittee on Teacher Recognition -- W. Sokolsky

It was moved and seconded that the Committee reiterates the old rule which states that a member who remains absent from three consecutive meetings without any excuse be dropped from the Committee's roster.

Dean Donovan announced that the Center for Humanities Meeting will be held next week. Members of the Instruction Committee who were present thought it a good idea to have a report from those who attended the Humanities Meeting, when the Instruction Committee meets again next month.

Dr. Berger suggested that in our Nov. 18 meeting, the subject "Exploring the Feasibility of Introducing a Field Work Component Into Our Existing Courses" may be discussed.

Prof. Hirshfield told the Committee about what is being done in the Business and Commerce Department in placing students in auditing work in the Federal Reserve Banks.

Dean Donovan described the Harbison Award to great teachers, and said that the general faculty and student government will hear more about it soon.

At 3:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Attachment