



MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1977

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
M. Chang, J. S. Coppolino, P. Daniels, F. Donnangelo,
L. Ferguson, S. Friedlander, A. Lessard, H. Shenkman,
J. Singel, L. V. Toralballa, S. Ukeles, and M. Wise.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The meetings for April will be held on April 14 and 28 at the same time and place, he announced.

A member present wanted to know the agenda for the day's meeting in order that he might decide whether it is worth his while to spend his time there. After a brief discussion the consensus of those present was that a committee of our kind should not tie ourselves down in a legalistic manner and that the sharing of information in the "Clearinghouse" of this Committee seemed more fruitful and interesting. The Instruction Committee had always tried to "illuminate, ventilate and elucidate," said the Chairman. This is true even according to the official definition of our activities, he continued.

Sharing news on instructional grants, equipment grants, exciting teaching experiments etc. had always been a hallmark of the Instructional Committee, the Chairman reminded those present. He extended a welcome to anyone who would like to come to our Committee to give a demonstration or talk on instructional techniques and related subjects.

The Journal of Instruction had not been published for two reasons, Dr. Berger informed the Committee; (i) we lost its editor, (ii) the College has no money for this purpose. Prof. Shenkman, who had offered to be its editor, had changed her mind. Now we still needed a volunteer, said Dr. Berger.

Prof. J. S. Coppolino indicated that he would like to volunteer for this project. Dr. Berger accepted his offer and suggested that Dean Horn would probably be the person to approach for funds. Other members made suggestions such as selling the Journal for fifty cents a copy.

Next, the subject of the creation of an agenda for the next meeting was discussed. It was concluded that Dr. Berger will ask Prof. A. Pomerantz to give a talk at our next meeting.

The problem of date and timing of Committee meetings was brought up. It was suggested that Thursday would still be a suitable day but the meetings might be contracted to one hour so that members may go to another meeting during the other hour of the two-hour free period on Thursdays.

Next, Dr. Berger distributed a reprint of an article by President Kneller of Brooklyn College from the CUNY COURIER on the subject of "The Jargon Generator." A brief discussion of the article followed.

Finally, Prof. Singel reported informally on the loss of members of her Department - through death and possible excessing. It was generally agreed that our workload had a sickening and sometimes fatal effect.

A draft of a paper on the high workload of the instructional staff was suggested before the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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