



MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, THURS. APR. 28, 1977

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
M. Chang, R. Cordray, M. O'Riordan, A. Pomerantz, D. Sacher,
W. Sokolsky, L. V. Toralballa, S. Ukeles, J. Whalen and
M. Wise.

At 12:30 p.m. Dr. Berger, the Chairman, began the meeting by writing the following agenda on the blackboard.

- (1) Guest Speaker: Prof. A. Pomerantz
Time Permitting
- (2) Proposal to add pluses and minuses to final letter grades
- (3) Attendance Policy (dropping students for excessive absences)
- (4) Effect on students if English 02 is dropped

The Chairman welcomed those who were present and said that he was sure many others wished to come but could not do so because of lack of time. However, "we are pleased to have invited Prof. Pomerantz of the Modern Languages Dept. to be our guest speaker today," said Dr. Berger.

At 12:40 p.m. Prof. Pomerantz began his talk on the "Downtown" Studies Program which has been financed with a grant with another year to go. This program consists of courses in the humanities in which the City is used as a campus experience and a laboratory. Four courses are currently being given by using the city's "downtown" as a campus. They are:

- (i) History of the City of New York
- (ii) Language - Spanish
- (iii) Mass Media Communications
- (iv) Art 11

Eight "Downtown" courses are planned for next semester.

- (i) The Black Writer
- (ii) Oriental Art
- (iii) Women Studies
- (iv) History of Latin America
- (v) Latin American Conversation
- (vi) Mass Media and Communications
- (vii) Small Group Discussion
- (viii) Advanced Spanish Conversation

Faculty members who initiate a "Downtown" course are given 3 hours released time for the planning of the course. The course itself will take up another 3 hours - usually during a Saturday or a week day afternoon. Thus, an instructor gets 6 credit-hours for teaching such an off-campus course. Dr. Berger remarked that some of these courses seemed so interesting and exciting that perhaps in the future some of our faculty members would like to teach such a course without the 3-hour released time. Prof. Sokolsky wondered about the expenses of theatre tickets, admission fees to museums and television studios etc. All agreed that there was much interest and fun in this program.

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Before the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. it was tentatively decided that the next Committee meeting will be held on May 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary