

MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUES, MAY 9, 1978

Present: I Berger, Chairman
V. Capers, M. Chang, J. Davis, F. Donnangelo, N. Eagle, D. Frank
D. McCulloch, R. Miller, M. O'Riordan, E. Passer, C. Polowczyk,
A. Pomerantz, S. Ritterman, I. Ronson, D. Sacher, A. Simon,
W. Sokolsky, J. Whalen and M. Wise

The Chairman wrote the following agenda and meeting schedule on the blackboard before the meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

Agenda

1. A+ proposal (Donnangelo)
2. Remediation (Interim Report-Pomerantz)
3. Implementing Dean Polowczyk's proposals.
4. Diagnosis of Student's Needs, Abilities and Aptitudes (predicting the chance of success.)

Next meeting: May 16 (one (1) week hence)
also May 23 (one (1) week later)
Open dates for meetings if needed after classes -
June 6 & 13.

Dean Polowczyk distributed copies of two articles, one by John E. Rowache and one by John A. Ceutra, and a "Mission Statement of College Wide Staff Development Committee" to those present.

Dr. Berger announced that Prof. Wilkofsky, who was scheduled to be the speaker for the day, had asked to have his talk postponed.

Next, it was moved & seconded that the minutes of March 14, March 28, April 11 and April 25, 1978 be approved as distributed, with the following changes. On page 2 of the April 25 minutes the sentence "Hopefully we can have a fundable project that will justify a grant" should be deleted. Also on pg. 2, second line of the second paragraph the phrase "to try to justify some grants" should be changed to "to assist in self assessment and evaluation."

Minutes of Instruction Committee Meeting, (cont'd)

Dr. Berger informed the members of the committee that they will have opportunities to volunteer to work in many possible projects and sub-committees such as 1. SubCommittee to revise the questionnaire 2. SubCommittee on remediation, 3. The Journal SubCommittee, and 4. the SubCommittee on Staff Development.

At 3:30 p.m. Dr. Donnangelo talked on his former proposal of the A+ grade. Citing the practice of the NY Chiropractic College, Dr. Donnangelo showed that very few colleges used the minus sign. If we introduced the pluses and minuses students who got the middle grades (such as 65, 75, 85 etc.) would be penalized said the speaker. Finally, after some discussion it was moved and seconded that

"we rescind our recommendation that the A+ be included and that we re-endorse the Tyson-Shopkow proposal of adding pluses to the grades of D, C, & B only."

Open voting showed that the Committee unanimously approved this motion.

At 3:50 p.m. Prof. Pomerantz reported that he will get together with the Remediation SubCommittee members the next day and will see individuals over a period of time.

Dr. Berger asked Prof. Pomerantz to pull together an interim report to be submitted to the Senate.

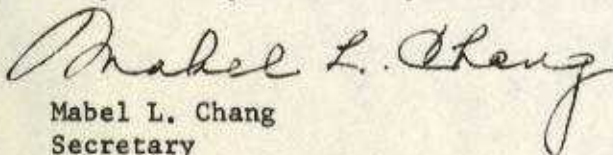
Dean Polowczyk told the Committee that the VOC-ED group from Albany-SUNY will be at the college on May 19. Dr. Berger said that before this meeting was adjourned we would find volunteers for this SubCommittee on Staff Development. Also, it was noted that Modern Language, Business & Commerce and Health were to be included among the Departments that will be involved in Vocational Education, besides the Departments mentioned during the last meeting. No one who wanted to join the SubCommittee would be excluded, said Dr. Berger.

At 4:30 p.m. discussion took place on how the College can identify weak students and predict future success or failure. Tracking was unconstitutional, it was pointed out. Brain damage or nerve impairment may be the cause of some students' lack of success. Dr. Eagle replied that as of the present no theory had yet been found to predict the future success of any particular individual because the factors for success or lack of it are so complicated and numerous.

At 4:45 p.m. before the meeting was adjourned, the following members volunteered to be in the Staff Development SubCommittee:

V. Capers, J. Davis, D. Frank, D. McCulloch, E. Passer, M. O'Riordan,
S. Ritterman and M. Wise.

Respectfully submitted,



Mabel L. Chang
Secretary