

MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUES. MAY 16, 1978

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

Dr. Berger wrote the following agenda on the blackboard before the meeting commenced at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Class Size Survey
2. Organizing of Subcommittees
3. Next Meeting, May 23, 1978, 3:15 p.m.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members to this "off season meeting" which "may have trouble with some people's calendars."

"We have discussed the Gross article," continued Dr. Berger. The Channel 5 News a few weeks back showed something on this issue. Prof. Gross is now writing a book on this subject and raised the question of Academic freedom," said Dr. Berger.

Another announcement by Dr. Berger was the article on Prof. O'Riordan in the college newspaper. Prof. O'Riordan was interviewed by a student for the article said Dr. Berger.

Dr. Berger then called the Committee's attention to the "Downtown" project and the courses listed for the project. He asked Prof. Pomerantz to give an up-dated summary of this project which was part of a humanities grant, according to Prof. Pomerantz. Six hundred students had enrolled in these courses, and the College plans to put in for a larger grant when the present one expires, said Prof. Pomerantz.

Dr. Berger reported that all the departments had sent in the Class Size Survey statistics. However, the mechanical task of compiling the results was still to be done, said the Chairman.

The Library Report will be given out after Prof. Hadgis returns from jury duty, said the Chairman.

The Journal of Instruction will be printed by the Publications Office. However, volunteer editors were needed. Dr. Donnangelo and Dr. McCulloch indicated they would like to work as editors for the Journal.

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The Revision of the Questionnaire will be another item of self-responsibility of the Instruction Committee, said Dr. Berger. Dr. Chang indicated that she will be willing to work on this.

The Staff Development Subcommittee was another area for subcommittee work. Eight persons headed by Prof. O'Riordan, had already volunteered during the last meeting, said Dr. Berger.

Then, Dr. Berger said he was interested in developing a grant for a module system for remedial writing. The idea had been on his mind a few years back but he had thought the system was not technologically applicable to the teaching of English. Now he was wondering if a grant proposal could be written for this idea, said Dr. Berger.

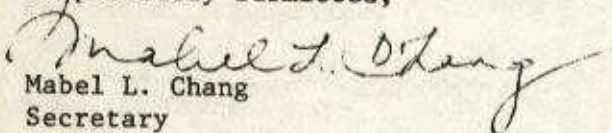
Prof. Whalen reminded the committee that elections were being held by some departments for a representative to the Instruction Committee, so that by next semester different persons may make up the Instruction Committee. Dr. Chang pointed out that provisions may be made for anyone interested in working in a project of this committee to be accepted as an "associate" even though the person may not be the designated representative from a department. This way "the more workers the merrier".

Prof. Sokolsky suggested a "Subcommittee on Liaison to Faculty Members" and volunteered himself for this work. Dr. Berger recalled Prof. Sokolsky's use of the bulletin board for publicity and dissemination of information, particularly ideas pertaining to education.

Prof. Pomerantz was already in the Subcommittee on Remediation said Dr. Berger. This completed and identified most of the work that the Instruction Committee sets out to do itself, without any problem, concluded the Chairman.

At 4:20 p.m. it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Mabel L. Chang
Secretary