

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Of The City University of New York

Committee on Instruction and Professional Development

Minutes of October 8, 1987

Present: A. Pomerantz (Chair), M. Cummins, M. Diehl, I. Chafoor,  
M. Hynes, A. Peretz, J. Rempson, A. Smith, L. Squitieri,  
M. Wise

I. Announcements

1. Professor Sokolsky gave an overview of the history and work of the committee to enlighten the new members.
2. The chair encouraged the announcement of professional meetings and staff development related activities throughout the year.
3. The annual meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages was announced. Atlanta, November 20-25, 1987.
4. Dr. John Gardner and Prof. A. Peretz are among the speakers at the NYMADE meeting at B.C.C. on November 13, 1987. (see attachment)
5. The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is particularly interested in grant proposals for the improvement of instruction this year. There is a mid-November deadline.
6. Dr. Pomerantz reported on his meeting with the president at the end of last semester. The president received few responses to his survey and stressed the importance of the two "R's": Retention and Recruitment.
7. Prof. Wise distributed an article, "Asian Advantage: The Case of Mathematics" by Harold Stevenson published in The American Educator, summer, 1987.

II. The minutes of April 30, 1987 were approved.

III. Action to be taken.

1. The chair was asked by the committee to write to Dean Kor to consult with him for the establishment of a faculty lounge to foster the spirit of collegiality and to share staff development materials. A subcommittee would attend the meeting.
2. The English department's list of correction symbols presented last semester by Dr. Cummins, will be distributed to the faculty by the Office of Academic Affairs through Dean Rempson as support for the college's effort in "writing across the curriculum."
3. Dean Rempson will assess the logistics and progress and preparation of the new student evaluation of faculty instrument with the computer center and purchasing.

IV. Workshops and Events

1. Dean Polowczyk's reception for the humanities division: faculty will be asked to list their three major professional accomplishments this past academic year.
2. The faculty survey will be handled by the Office of Institutional Research. Dean Rempson and Dr. Cummins will review the survey for possible revisions.
3. Workshop on Oriental Education: Professors Hynes, Squitieri and Wise will organize a panel and workshop.
4. Learning Resources Information Workshop: Prof. Peretz will explain all the features of Resources for Your Success at BCC to the entire faculty upon its completion.
5. Student and Faculty Expectations and Responsibilities: Dean Rempson, Professors Smith and Wise will organize the workshop coordinating with Student Development.
6. Faculty Responsibilities and Action in the Event of Student Illness in the Classroom: workshop facilitators are Professors Diehl, Chafoor, and Smith.

V. Follow-up

At the next meeting the committee will hear interim reports from each subcommittee and plan a timetable for events and workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Allen Pomerantz*