

**Minutes of the Curriculum Committee
Subcommittee on Course Evaluation**

The committee convened in Colston Hall Room 347 on Tuesday,
November 10, 1998 at 2:10 p.m.

Members Present: Professors D. Gonsher, M. Kanuck, J. Ryan, and
M. Wenzel (chair)

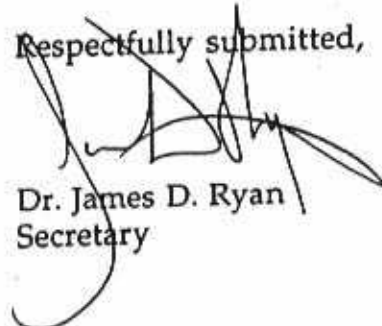
Guest: Dean Nancy Ritze

1. The minutes of October 27 were approved as presented.
2. After further review of the material presented by Dean Ritze, the following questions were raised. She will undertake to secure the data to answer them, if possible.
 - 1) It appears that administrative grades, Ws and WUs have been included with Fs in the non-completion/failing category. If these grades are separated out, does this change the picture materially?
 - 2) The existence of unified grading system (two readers for the final exam) for English courses raises several additional questions as we attempt the wide range of success rates in remedial English.
 - 3) It appears that students in Freshman Initiative classes perform better overall and it was suggested that low pass rates in some remedial courses may be mitigated by students' success in post semester (intersession) workshops. Is there any way to track the success rates of students in post-semester workshops? If Freshman Initiative classes and intersession work so well, what accounts for their success? How many kinds of workshops or other special forms of remediation are there at Bronx Community College? What are the modalities? What are their results? Is there a carry over in subsequent courses?
 - 4) Can we track the success rates of students in Freshman Initiative in subsequent semesters to see if there is a difference between their performance/persistence rates and those of other non-Freshman Initiative students? In LIP or ESL, are students tested for literacy in their native language? Is there a positive correlation between proficiency in any language

and success in remediation? What is the structure of the LIP Program? How many hours per week, weeks per semester?

3. The committee decided to reconvene on November 24 in CO 347 for further discussion in preparation for meetings with department chairs on December 8.
4. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. James D. Ryan
Secretary

c: Members of the Subcommittee
Dean Ritze
Dr. Ryan, Chair of the Curriculum Committee