MINUTES
of the
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
of
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Tuesday, December 4, 1973
Stevenson Hall
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2:25 P.M.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Arlene Levey.

2. The Minutes. The minutes of November 13, 1973 were approved with the vote in Item 5 on Page 16 reading "Yes - 17."

3. Attendance. The following people were in attendance:


4. Correspondence and Announcements.

a. Dr. N. Eagle requested that a member of the Committee serve on a joint student-faculty committee formulating relevant questions for this year's student opinion survey. Professor H. Harris will represent the Committee.

b. Professor A. Baskind announced the speaking engagement of Herbert Bienstock, Regional Director, Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, in Stevenson Hall, Lower Level, on Friday, December 7, at 10:00 A.M.

5. Special Guest. Dean J. McGrath, University Dean for the Academic Program, addressed himself to the items Dean B. Corbman had sent him as his agenda for this meeting:

a. Degree and Course Credit Transferability to Senior Colleges. Articulation and transfer agreements require senior colleges to accept a total of 64 credits from the community college towards the 128 credits needed for the baccalaureate degree. Orientation programs have been recommended at the senior colleges for new transfer students. A committee of community and senior college representatives is working with Dean H. Irby of the Board of Higher Education to bring about a smooth transition for the transfer students. Dean D. Bullard is the BCC representative to this committee. Follow-up studies on transfer students and regionalisation of transfer
programs (e.g., Hostos and BCC with Lehman College) are also commitments of this group. In the case of a student taking a curriculum that is not parallel to the one taken at the community college, there seems to be a rule of thumb that 72 is the most number of credits the senior college can require. At the same time the community college is not allowed to offer more than 40 credits in a major.

b. Competitive Curricula Between Community and Senior College and CUNY Controls. BCC's music program was not considered when a similar program was approved for City College. In the future the Office of the Academic Program will be more sensitive to this kind of conflict and competition. Other ways of eliminating this type of problem are the requiring of early warning forms for all colleges and the discussion of curricular proposals at the monthly meeting of community deans of faculty.

c. Long Range Planning for New Curricula. More will be known after the new Board of Higher Education is impanelled. If invited, Dean McGrath will return to BCC in March 1974.

d. General Discussion. Dean McGrath stated that the power for course and curriculum development rests with the college. An opposing position was expressed because of the right of the Office of the Academic Program to veto courses and curricula. Another concern voiced was the high percentage of poorly prepared high school graduates being admitted to BCC.

6. Meeting. The motion to meet weekly until all Committee business for this semester is resolved was carried. Yes - 10, No - 7, Abstentions - 0.

7. Distribution. The curriculum proposal, the Experimental Curriculum in Associate Degree Nursing, the course proposal, Physics for Engineering and Science Students, a Mathematics Course Sequence Flow Chart, and a paper from the Chemistry Department raising questions about the new experimental nursing curriculum were distributed.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria L. Hobbs
Secretary