MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY MARCH 26, 1974

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
R. Bernard, M. Cheng, S. Chiswick, C. Connington, D. Hadgis,

The meeting started at 3:25 p.m. The Chairman announced the following
dates of meeting for this semester - April 16, April 30 and May 14.

Next, discussion at length took place on the weaknesses and strengths of the
Student Questionnaire as well as its validity and reliability or the lack of
them.

Access to the results of the Questionnaire is a quiescent issue now, said
the Chairman. Dr. Bernard reported that all the members of the Language
department (except one) were of the opinion that students may not have
access to the results of the Questionnaire. Prof. Smith of the
Communications department reported that four members of that department
were against public access, one for limited access and four for public
access, while one left the decision open to the students. Prof. Ukeles
said that the votes in the Chemistry department were as follows: twelve
against public access, one for public access and one abstained.

It was finally pointed out that the teacher's consent to release his or
her results was a basic right of the teacher in any case.

Dr. Berger next, read a communication from Dean Gorbman who pointed out
that it was incorrect to refer to the "Excellence in Teaching Award" as
the "Great Teacher Award." A sample of the latter written by Dean Rosenstock
to the students was circulated at the meeting. A memorandum from Prof.
J. Juechter to Dr. Berger was also circulated. Discussion then ensued
until it was generally agreed that the selection of a name should be
entirely and purely left to the students, although some formula for weighting
the students votes may be employed. Dr. Berger promised to relate this
consensus of opinion to the "Committee on CUNY Award for Excellence in
Teaching".

At 4:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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