Minutes of Committee on Instruction, Tuesday Oct. 8, 1974

Present: W. Hynes, Chairman
V. Arto, J. Davis, W. Pedrickson, W. Hodge
A. Lessard, J. Rothschild, W. Sokolsky, L. Squitieri
W. Torabello, M. Wise.

The meeting began at 3:15.

Prof. W. Hynes, chairman pro tempore, spoke of the need of this committee to have structured meetings. The function of this committee could be to make known to the various departments what is occurring and what could occur in the area of instruction at the college by utilization of computer services.

Prof. Sokolsky reviewed the past functions of this committee. The function of this meeting should be to get ideas for future agendas. In order to bring ideas to our colleagues we might invite a distinguished speaker. A discussion followed.

Prof. Torabello suggested that each member of the committee make a 10 minute presentation about an agenda item to the committee. The committee could then vote on their importance.

Prof. Sokolsky spoke of his experience in selecting the recipient of the Cuny Excellence in Teaching award and suggested that this committee might deal with criteria by which this teacher is selected. Other possible agenda suggestions discussed were: to deal with balance between the abstract and the concrete, to deal with problem of getting instructors to self-evaluate, to deal with a system of observation which may be helpful to the instructor.

Prof. Sokolsky suggested that a sort of census be taken to poll the faculty about their general concerns about instruction at the college and how either this committee or the college may help them.

Prof. Hynes will choose topic for next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Pro Temp