MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
M. Chang, R. Cordray, P. Daniels, J. Davis, V. Foster,
S. Friedlander, D. Hadgis, A. Lessand, M. O'Riordan,
H. Shenkman, R. Smith, W. Sokolsky, L.V. Toralballa,

Dr. Berger opened the meeting at 12:35 P.M. by welcoming the old members
and new members of the Committee. Some members were not present possibly
because of the break-down of the elevators on that day, Dr. Berger observed.

"What is it like to teach in a College operating under duress?" the
Chairman asked. Members present participated actively by bringing up the
following points:

(i) The color of the walls may affect emotions by projecting a
    cheerful or gloomy environment.

(ii) Lack of roots for the teaching faculty such as lack of tenure
    at the end of five years contributed to the uneasiness of
    members of the instructional staff.

(iii) Having survived the threatened loss of identity we at BCC
    are now again faced with a loss of faculty as suggested
    in the Chancellor's report.

(iv) The loss of students at Lehman College may pose as a danger
    to us.

(v) The large number of students in each class represents another
    burden on the teaching faculty.

(vi) The report of the University Task Force suggested drastic
    changes within CUNY. This may mean a tremendous reduction
    in certain programs and students.

(vii) If many existing programs are to be reduced at BCC, our College
    may become a remedial center only.

Professor Hadgis then made a report on the Self-Evaluation of the Library
and asked if anyone present would like to join her subcommittee. Professors
P. Daniels and M. O'Riordan volunteered.

At 2:05 P.M. the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Mabel Chang, Secretary

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