MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1978

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
V. Capers, M. Chang, J. Davis, F. Donnangelo, D. McCulloch,
R. Miller, C. Polowczyk, A. Pomerantz, S. Ritterman, I. Ronson,

Dr. Berger made the following opening comments.

(i) The article in Saturday Review on "How To Kill A College" caused
some comments and controversy among some members of the faculty
and we will discuss it after all had a chance to read it.

(ii) Student representatives had been invited to come to our meet-
ings, but our students were busy and spreading themselves thin.

(iii) Another article "Limiting Students: Remedial Writing and the
Death of Open Admissions" by J. Yondelman, a former CETA per-
son at BCC, now at the Fashion Institute of Technology, was
brought to the attention of the Committee by Dr. Berger. The
writer criticized the "core curriculum" idea as "chaining,"
said Dr. Berger.

At 3:45 p.m. Dr. Berger read the draft of a memo he planned to send out
to the faculty to ask for recommendations on class size. The Chairman
worked with the committee members present at the meeting on a format
for the polling material which will be distributed to all the Depart-
ments through their representatives with an accompanying letter from
Dr. Berger. It was then moved, seconded and unanimously passed that
the Departmental representatives will conduct and expedite this survey.

Lastly it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that further
discussion on possible variations on the Tyson-Shopkow new grading
system be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. it was moved and seconded that
the last three sets of minutes, namely:
(i) Minutes of Feb. 14, 1978
(ii) Minutes of Feb. 21, 1978
(iii) Minutes of Mar. 7, 1978
be approved as distributed with the addition of the following sentence
at the end of the March 7 minutes: "After balloting, the possible
inclusion of minuses and A+ in the grading system was discussed; further
discussion will be postponed until Professors Tyson and Shopkow could
be present."

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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