MINUTES OF THE INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUES. APR. 11, 1978

Present: L. Berger, Chairman
V. Capers, M. Chang, J. Davis, F. Donnangelo, D. McCulloch, R. Miller,
c. Pomerantz, S. Ritterman, I. Ronson, M. Shopkow, W. Sokolsky,
S. Wilkofsky, and M. Wise.

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m. Dr. Berger wrote the agenda on the blackboard as follows:

Agenda
1. Grades proposal: Guest: M. Shopkow
2. Questionnaire Date
3. Article (letter re: teaching)
4. Investigation of Remedial Programs

Next, Dr. Berger distributed copies of a letter to the New York Times (Apr. 4, 1978) entitled, "There Is No Such Thing As a Dull Course" by the Dean of Admission Emeritus of Amherst College.

Dr. Berger announced that Prof. Simon of the Special Educational Services Department wrote that he was unable to attend this meeting, but that his department had voted in favor of putting pluses and minuses in a new grading system.

At 3:25 p.m. Prof. Shopkow led a discussion on the pros and cons of a system of minuses and pluses. He explained that CUNY limits every course to a four index, so that an A+ would be in name only and can not possibly have an arithmetic value in pulling up a student's index because it would have to be equated to an index of four and nothing higher.

At 4:00 p.m. discussion took place on the Questionnaire Date for this semester. It was moved and seconded that "we move the date of the Questionnaire to a period between the 12th and 14th week of the semester with the option for the instructor to give the Questionnaire anywhere between the 12th and 14th week". Open voting showed the following results:

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Dr. Chang suggested that the Committee consider revising the questions in the Questionnaire in the near future.

Dr. Berger asked Prof. Pomerantz to prepare a Report of the Remediation Programs in the College in about two weeks, by submitting a list of facts and names of people involved in Remediation and updating the reports of the Remediation representative in each department. The purpose of this, explained Dr. Berger, was to "get specifics for the first time" so that he will be familiar with what was going on. The agenda

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for the next meeting (April 25, 1978) will be "Moving Ahead on the Remediation Program" declared Dr. Berger.

At 4:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel L. Chang
Secretary