MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE, TUES. MAY 23, 1978

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
V. Capers, M. Chang, J. Davis, F. Donnangelo, N. Eagle, R. Miller,
M. O'Riordan, E. Fasser, I. Ronson, A. Simon, W. Sokolsky,
S. Wilkofsky and M. Wise.

The Chairman, Dr. Berger, wrote the following agenda on the blackboard before the meeting started at 3:15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Announcements, correspondence, etc.
2. Newsweek article on Dean Gross
3. Guest speaker: Prof. Wilkofsky on "Non-verbal Communication: Factors in Student Performance and Success"
4. Subcommittee reports
5. Tentative Fall meeting: Sept. 12, same place, same time.

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1) Prof. J. Hayde had written a letter to Dr. Berger on the endorsement of the Tyson-Shopkow proposal which the Committee on Academic Standing was considering—namely, the inclusion of pluses to the B, C, D grades.

2) The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate had asked for a report from the Instruction Committee, said Dr. Berger. Prof. Bullard had been informed by Dr. Berger that the annual report of our committee will be forthcoming and our committee had nothing that required action by the Senate at this time. Dr. Berger also said that the deadline for any specific inclusion of subcommittee activities in the annual report is June 9, because he will have to hand in the annual report of the Instruction Committee by June 19.

3) Dr. Berger then distributed copies of "A Scholar's Lament" from Newsweek (May 23, 1978) re: Dr. Gross, for the committee members' perusal.

At 3:45 p.m. Prof. Wilkofsky spoke on "Non-verbal Communication: Factors in Student Performance and Success", and distributed a bibliography on this subject. Also, Dr. Eagle's research finding on "Cognitive & Non-cognitive Differences between Persisters & Dropouts in a Freshman Class at BCC", Jan. '75, Office of Institutional Research, was circulated among the members present. A brief question-and-answer period followed Prof. Wilkofsky's talk.

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At 4:45 p.m. Prof. O'Riordan distributed copies of the following material to the members present:

1) "Community College Staff Development & Annotated Bibliography", by Terry H. Smith Wallace, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, Pa.

2) "The New Boom in Career Education: A Skeptic's View" by Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., Chancellor, State University of New York, and

3) Comprehensive Planning Workshop Components.

Prof. O'Riordan reported that the Subcommittee on Staff Development had met with the Albany, SUNY group on May 19 and that Dr. A. Katz, a member of the two-year college vocational education group asked our college to identify our retention problem and perhaps "the whole remediation program needs revamping," said Prof. O'Riordan.

At 5:10 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel L. Chang
Secretary