MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUES., NOV. 27, 1978

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
V. Capers, M. Chang, F. Donnangelo, M. Glass, D. Hadgis,
M. O'Riordan, A. Pomerantz and I. Henson.

At 3:15 p.m. Dr. Berger wrote the following agenda on the blackboard.

Agenda

I. A. Approval of Minutes
B. Report of Dr. Berger's appearance before the Committee on Governance Structure (Fact Finding)

II. Committee Choice
A. Reaction to Staff Development Meeting
B. Discussion of Relevance of Bettelheim's Essay to BCC
C. Reaction to PSC meeting, Nov. 14
D. Appraisal of Committee's Annual Report

Next Meeting: Dec. 12
Note: Staff Development Meeting, Thurs. Nov. 30

Dr. Chang chaired the first half of the meeting for Dr. Berger who had other duties at that time.

When a quorum was present it was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting (Nov. 14) be approved as distributed.

Dr. Berger then reported on his appearance before the Governance Structure Committee on Nov. 15 in which he presented the rationale for not combining the Curriculum and the Instruction Committees. First, the pressure of a merged Committee would be too great. "Teaching must be free," said Dr. Berger, "the Instruction Committee is a useful clearinghouse for information on the improvement of instruction. There is no advantage to anyone in the disbanding of the Committee," reasoned Dr. Berger. The members of the Governance Structure Committee listened receptively and cordially, Dr. Berger reported. Informally, Dr. Berger was told by the Governance Committee members that they were favorably impressed by his presentation.

Next, Dr. Berger took over the chair and led open discussion on the following topics.

(i) The PSC meeting of Nov. 14 - Aspects of Reorganization Plan as they affect the faculty.
(ii) The academic consequences of reorganization were discussed, in addition to the financial and administrative aspects.
(iii) The R grade was another topic of discussion.
(iv) Dr. Bettelheim's article will be discussed at the next meeting, Dr. Berger reminded the Committee. Also, the new calendar of the fall semester ending before the Christmas holidays will be another topic for discussion in a future meeting.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Dr. Berger reminded those present to attend the Staff Development Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel L. Chang
Secretary