MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, WED. APR. 25, 1979

Present: I. Berger, Chairman
        M. Chang, P. Donnangelo, M. Glass, D. Hadgis, D. McCulloch,
        M. Pollack, A. Pomerantz, S. Ritterman, I. Ronson, P. Schira
        and M. Wise.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. when a quorum was
present. Dr. Berger then wrote the following agenda on the blackboard.

Agenda

(1) Staff Development Workshop, Apr. 30, 12 noon to 2 p.m.
(2) How I Overcome Classroom Noise Pollution: A Case Study
(3) Plans for Election of Committee Officers
(4) "S" and "U" Grades

Dr. Berger reported that on Apr. 3 he had sent a reply to the Mar. 28 memo-
randum from Drs. Heller and Worrell inviting the two doctors to talk in
our Committee or arrange with the Dean to stage a Staff Development Work-
shop. "Psychology is the buzzword now" said Dr. Berger, and "there are
experimental programs with great excitement."

"Next term, the Instruction Committee will be working with the Dean to
organize a series of programs for the Staff Development Workshop" continued
Dr. Berger. The Dean has called upon us to make proposals for these Work-
shops. It was suggested that a subcommittee be organized now to prepare
a program for this purpose. Dr. Pollack volunteered to be temporary chair-
man of this subcommittee. Profs. Hadgis and Pomerantz volunteered to be
members of this subcommittee.

Item 2 of the Agenda consisted of a demonstration by Dr. Berger and Dr.
Glass on talking through a hand-held microphone attached to a loud spea-
k. The equipment was borrowed from the Library, said Dr. Berger. The machine
had advantages and disadvantages. Dr. Berger observed. It can prevent
injury to the larynx and save the teacher from a cracked voice. But some-
times the machines do not work well and shrieks emerge. A number of the
committee members present contributed ideas. The loud speaker was placed
in various positions on the floor to obtain the best sound.

The next topic of discussion was the "S" and "U" grades for midterm sheets.
It had been mistakenly announced last semester that "S" and "U" grades may
not be used. All "S" grades were converted to "C" and all "U" grades were
changed to "F" in the computer. This puzzled the students; some thought
they were worse than what they actually scored. This was especially true
of students on probation because they were anxious to know exactly how high
their passing grades were in order to calculate their indexes.

Lastly, it was proposed that election for officers be postponed till the fall semester. However, the next Committee meeting will be held on May 9 as planned.

At 5 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel L. Chang
Secretary