COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Minutes - November 4, 1982


The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Prof. A. Pomerantz, at 3:05 p.m.

The minutes of October 7, 1982 were read and corrected as follows:

- On page 2, correct the spelling of "broadsiders" to "broadsides."
- Correct the title of the committee to read correctly as the "Committee on Instruction and Professional Development."

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

The following announcements were made:

- Prof. Sokolsky wrote an article for the committee to appear in the "VOICE", and Mrs. Hoberman was very happy to receive it.
- Prof. Louis Alpert's class schedule does not permit him to attend the meetings of this committee this term.
- The Executive Committee of the Senate has appointed Prof. Annette Peretz to replace him for this term.
- This committee's meeting dates now appear on the weekly BCC Calendar of Events.

In reference to Dean Polowyczk's presentation on October 21, 1982, the chairman called the Dean and thanked him for a good presentation which was well-received.

Updating the Dean's remarks, Prof. Peretz announced that the Nestar Company decided after all to hold a 3-day seminar on November 9, 10, and 11 at the BCC campus.

There was a discussion of possible future speakers, with the following suggestions:

- Prof. Forman on Test Anxiety
- D. Diamond's wife on Test Construction
- Prof. Robbins on Stress Development

Regarding the assessment of the committee's charge according to the new governance plan, the chairman will invite Prof. H. Tyson, author of the charge, to speak at the next meeting on this matter.

Dr. Stuchin brought in a "Paradigm for Areas of Staff Development Proposal" based on the Dean's remarks at the last meeting.

There was a discussion of grants, an issue raised by Prof. Diamond.

Prof. McCulloch said that we should find out what opportunities are on the outside, and then find out how the faculty related to this.
Prof. Forman offered to feel out FIPSE while in Washington next week. She also stated that American Can has money to donate to education for use by institutions. She will also find out where the Burn Out Conference got funded.

Prof. Peretz told about access to the National Foundation Center. CUNY is a member and we can use the database.

Prof. Sokolsky will check out to see what the PSC is doing in the area of faculty and staff development.

Prof. Pomerantz will call Jim Ryan to find out the sources of grants for faculty and staff development.

Other issues and considerations were raised regarding the study:

Prof. Anderson raised the issue of the affects on benefits and retirement of faculty working off campus.

Replying to this, Prof. Forman suggested that the grant should provide for someone to study this issue and to prepare recommendations for the PSC. The grant should also set up a resource center to help faculty.

The meeting ended on the note that we need a pilot exploration study, or feasibility study, to find out what's going on.

And it was suggested that each committee member try to interview five people as to their reactions to the three points raised in Dr. Stuchin's paradigm.

On due motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Anderson
Acting Secretary