Minutes of the Curriculum Committee
Subcommittee on Course Evaluation

The committee convened in South Hall Conference Room on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Professors D. Gonsher, M. Kanuck, J. Ryan, M. Wenzel (chair) & Mr. A. Glasser.

Guests: Professors Glier, McInerney, and Bates.

1. The minutes of February 2 will be distributed for approval at the next meeting.

2. The Department of Mathematics distributed written answers to the Subcommittee's questions. The Subcommittee discussed the information provided and raised additional questions. Much of the discussion centered on whether courses in the Mathematics remediation sequence might be consolidated to bring students to college-level material more expeditiously. It was noted that there are differences between Career, Liberal Arts non-Science, and Science/Technology tracks. The Department of Mathematics was urged to consider alternative modalities of remediation which might facilitate progress into credit courses. In addition, the increased importance of the CMAT test was mentioned and the suggestion was made that instruction in MTH 03 might be linked more closely to preparation for passing the CMAT. The department was urged to consider new approaches to remediation. Given the success of the Freshman Immersion Program, the department might consider smaller class size, greater availability of tutors, more extensive commitment to immersion type courses, the consolidation of existing courses with selected matter taught in fewer contact hours, and the possibility of creating a new course, a combination of credit and non-credit work, for students to take after the passage of the CMAT. This course might be in lieu of MTH 21 or other college level Math courses. The Department of Mathematics indicated that syllabi for remediation courses in Mathematics would be made available to the Subcommittee. They will be distributed by the committee's chair.

3. The next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on February 23 in Colston Hall Room 347 at 2 p.m. The Department of Education, Reading and ESL has been invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James D. Ryan
Secretary