

Bronx Community College  
of the City University of New York

Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes

10-0-3



Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 1992  
South Hall Conference Room, 2:15 p.m.

Present: Prof. J. Hayde, presiding;  
Prof. R. Barnette, L. DeAcetis, G. Diallo, D. Genova, D. Gracian, M. Kassab, R. Lewis, J. Moghaddasi, P. Read, A. Resto, H. Richardson, M. Schryen. Student representatives Messrs. B. Goodwin, M. Marcelle, J. Wooley.

I. Minutes

- A. Motion: To approve the minutes of December 11, 1991. Approved 10-0-4.
- B. Motion: To approve the minutes of February 19, 1992. Approved 9-0-5.

II. Communications

- A. Prof. A. Resto will be the Modern Language Department's representative to CAS.
- B. Prof. J. Skurdenis is unable to attend today's meeting.
- C. Prof. P. Read pointed out that she had sent word of her inability to attend the February 19 meeting of the CAS.

III. Student Appeals

- A. Omnibus motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Student Appeals in its minutes of February 19, 1991, with the exception of case 35. Approved 14-0-1.
- B. Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Student Appeals in case 35. Approved unanimously.
- C. The Suspension Appeals agent submitted her action report to the recording secretary: 15 re-admits, 22 denials, for a total of 41 actions.

IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals

There will be a meeting of the Subcommittee immediately following the CAS meeting.

V. Old Business--Waivers and Substitutions

No report.

VI. New Business

Prof. P. Read presented the following motion on behalf of the English Department:

Since English 01 and 02 are developmental writing courses, student work is not yet expected to be at college level. It does not serve the interest of the students or the instructors to, in effect, penalize students at midterm with "D" and "F" grades, or possibly mislead them with "A" and "B" grades. These grades are not realistic assessments. No good purpose is served by assigning an academic grade at midterm when the students are in the middle of the process of learning to write. The students should not receive an academic grade until the end of the semester when, it is hoped, their writing skills will have developed to a satisfactory level.

For these reasons, we move that members of the English Department be allowed to award midterm grades of "S" and "U"--or some other non-academic equivalent--in remedial writing courses.

VII. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 1992, South Hall Conference Room. (N.B. STARTING TIME IS 2:00 P.M.)
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary