

Bronx Community College
of the City University of New York

Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes of the meeting of April 29, 1992
South Hall Conference Room, 2:10 p.m.

Present: Prof. J. Hayde, presiding;
Profs. R. Barnette, B. Coalmon, H. Erdsneker,
D. Genova, D. Gracian, M. Kassab, J.
Moghaddasi, J. Morales, P. Read, A. Resto, H.
Richardson, M. Schryer; Ms. R. Tobin.

I. Minutes

A. Motion: To approve the minutes of April 8,
1992. Approved 12-0-1.

II. Communications

Prof. Hayde reported that he had offered a mass
card--on behalf of the members of the CAS--at
the funeral of Mrs. Anna Melvin O'Sullivan,
Prof. Joseph O'Sullivan's mother. Mrs.
O'Sullivan's family has acknowledged the
Committee's expression of sympathy.

III. Student Appeals

A. Omnibus motion: To sustain the recommendations
of the Subcommittee on Student Appeals in its
minutes of April 8, 1992, with the exception of
cases 8, 9, and 17. Approved unanimously.

B. Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the
Subcommittee in case No. 8. Approved
unanimously.

C. Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the
Subcommittee in case No. 9. Approved
unanimously.

D. Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the
Subcommittee in case No. 17. Approved
unanimously.

IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals

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

V. Old Business--Waivers and Substitutions

Motion: To remove from the table the following
motion, made on April 8, 1992:

"To accept the March 25, 1992 revised waivers
stipulation, with the revisions suggested at
today's meeting." Approved unanimously.

VI. New Business--"S" and "U" Grades

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

Since English 01 and 02 are remedial courses in
which developmental writing takes places,
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. The "U" grade is to be given for performance evaluated at "D" or lower. The "S" and "U" grading system, which will be instituted on a one-semester trial basis, will be explained to the students in full at the beginning of the semester.

on 5-73-92:

Motion to
Reconsider
13-4-2

Motion to
Approve S-U
Grades
12-5-2

(Prof. Read said that the English Department would be willing to report its findings on the "S" and "U" midterm grading system at the end of the fall semester, 1992.)

- B. Motion: To call the question. Defeated 3-10-0.
- C. Motion: To approve the motion as presented in A. above. Failed to obtain a majority vote: 7-5-2.

VII. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 1992, South Hall Conference Room. (N.B. STARTING TIME IS 2:00 P.M.)
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis J. Read

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Recording Secretary

Graduation Meeting - June 4 - 11 A.M. -
white wine