

Bronx Community College
of the City University of New York
Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 1992
South Hall Conference Room, 2:10 p.m.

Present: Prof. J. Hayde, presiding;
Prof. R. Barnette, B. Coalmon, L. DeAcetis, G. Diallo, H. Erdsneker, D. Genova, D. Gracian, M. Kassab, J. Moghaddasi, J. Morales, J. O'Sullivan, P. Read, A. Resto, H. Richardson, M. Schryer, J. Skurdenis; Ms. R. Tobin. Student representative: Mr. M. Marcelle.

I. Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 29, 1992. Approved 13-0-1.

II. Communications

- A. Prof. Diallo pointed out that she had sent a message to Prof. Hayde indicating her inability to attend the CAS meeting held on April 29, 1992.
- B. Prof. Hayde reminded the Committee that the next meeting of the CAS-- June 4, 1992--is the graduation and annual CAS spaghetti luncheon meeting.

III. Student Appeals

- A. Omnibus motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Student Appeals in its minutes of April 29, 1992, with the exception of case no. 3. Approved 14-0-3.
- B. Motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee in case no. 3. Approved 16-0-2.

IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals

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

V. Old Business--"S" and "U" Grades

- A. Motion: To reconsider the motion regarding "S" and "U" grades voted on at the April 29 CAS meeting. Approved 13-4-2.
- B. Motion: To approve the motion regarding "S" and "U" grades as presented at the April 29 CAS meeting (motion follows). Approved 12-5-2.

Since English 01 and 02 are remedial courses in which developmental writing takes place, 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 each semester.

VI. New Business--Permanent Suspension

The Committee will consider definitions of suspension during the fall, 1992 semester.

VII. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

- A. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 1992, South Hall Conference Room, at 11:00 A.M.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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