

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
Committee on Academic Standing
Minutes of February 28, 2018

Present: Rasheen Allen (Biology), Nicholas Anuku (Chemistry), Bryan Betancur (Modern Language), Teresa Fisher (Communication), Anthony Gatto (Art & Music), Paul Jaijairam (Business), Mehdi Lejmi (Math), Eugene Mananga (Engineering, Physics and Technology), Jose Martinez (Student), Octavio Melendez (Advisement, OAA), Sharmila Mukherjee (English), Stephen Powers (Education), Stacia Reader (HPER), Anita Rivers (Registrar), Wladyslaw Rocznik (History), Emanuel Sanchez (Student), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), Malcolm Sowah (SGA), Karen Thomas (Registrar), James Watson (Library)

Present Alternates: Kelmin Gutierrez (Student) - seated, Helen Papas-Kavalis (Nursing) – seated, Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Social Sciences) - seated

Guests: Alexander Ott (OAA)

Absent/Excused: Gregory Cobb (Social Sciences), Daouda Diop (SGA), Pape Diop (Student), Alnisa Shabazz (Nursing), Sa-Rawla Stoute (Student Dev)

Absent/Excused Alternates: Olusola Alamu (Nursing), Syria Carrington (Registrar), Ellen Mareneck (Communication), Andrea Ortuño (Art and Music), Enyuan Shang (Biology), James Simpson (Business), Kaemanje Thomas (Education), Suzanne Zybert (Math)

1. **Call to Order:** 2:09 P.M., meeting called to order by S. Powers. After the appeals were discussed, Powers asked members to introduce themselves for the benefit of the new members.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2018:** The minutes of February 14, 2018 were approved unanimously as amended by the 13 members in attendance who were present at that meeting (*Karen Thomas and Anthony Gatto both arrived after the minutes had been approved*).
3. **Student Appeals:** S. Skelt reported on the seven appeals heard on February 21st. The 18 voting members present unanimously approved the appeals. (*Jose Martinez, Kelmin Gutierrez, and Karen Thomas were not present for this vote.*)
4. **CUNY Uniform Grade Glossary:** The Committee discussed the proposed First Year Freshman Forgiveness Policy (see proposal). The policy will not be voted on in committee until the March 14th meeting so that departmental feedback can be solicited. Members spoke both against and for the proposal. S. Reader and J. Watson reported back feedback from their respective departments. To briefly summarize some of the points raised:
 - Those in favor of the proposal spoke to the support and guidance it can provide to students who are ill-prepared for and/or immature upon entering college as well as those for whom life outside college gets in the way of their academic success.
 - Those against or with concerns regarding the policy discussed the potential financial aid impact for students who take advantage of the policy as well as questioned the need for a policy given existing policies, if this damages the College's academic integrity as well as the integrity of grading in general, and the need to reach students before they get to the point of failure.
5. **Revision of Academic Rules and Regulations:** A. Ott reported on the proposed codification edits from the sub-committee's work in January (see attachments). He reminded members this was being

done to update the document so that it reflects policy changes, eliminates obsolete information, and corrects mistakes. He asked members to bring the document back to their departments for feedback, focusing on the blue/teal substantive changes. Items in red reflect approved or obsolete changes that do not need additional feedback. Following departmental review, the document will be brought by S. Powers to SGA and Faculty Council for additional feedback. It will then be presented to the larger BCC community in a BCC broadcast (campus-wide email) before it comes back to a vote at CAS. From CAS, it will move on to Senate and then CUNY.

6. **New Business:** A. Ott presented a memo from CUNY that clarifies/updates the policy regarding acceptance of Advanced Placement scores (see memo). As a score of 3 is considered a C, scores of 3 or higher must be accepted for credit, although that credit may be for elective credit and not necessarily equivalent credit. Departments with courses impacted by this updated policy will need to review the courses and make determinations on which courses/scores will be accepted for elective credit and which for equivalent credit. A. Ott is sending out a grid to those departments with the classes listed. As per the CUNY memo, by fall 2018, the AP equivalencies must be posted on the College's website. Additionally, CLEP equivalencies will also be posted.
7. **Adjournment:** 3:40 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room. Additional spring semester meetings are scheduled for March 28, April 25, and May 9.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts:

- Full revised codification document (tracked changes and clean versions)
- AP Policy clarification and refinement and BCC grid
- First Year Freshman Forgiveness policy with rationale