

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of the City University of New York  
**Committee on Academic Standing**  
Minutes of November 8, 2017

**Present:** Rasheen Allen (Biology), Nicholas Anuku (Chemistry), Erica Arcelay (SGA), Bryan Betancur (Modern Language), Gregory Cobb (Social Sciences), Teresa Fisher (Communication), Paul Jaijairam (Business), Eugene Mananga (Engineering, Physics and Technology), Octavio Melendez (Advisement, OAA), Elda Polanco (SGA), Stephen Powers (Education), Stacia Reader (HPER), Anita Rivers (Registrar), Wladyslaw Roczniak (History), Alnisa Shabazz (Nursing), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent), Sa-Rawla Stoute (Student Dev), James Watson (Library), Suzanne Zybert (Math)

**Present Alternates:** Olusola Alamu (Nursing), Syria Carrington (Registrar), Andrea Ortuño (Art and Music) – seated, James Simpson (Business), Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Social Sciences)

**Guests:** Alexander Ott (OAA)

**Absent/Excused:** Anthony Gatto (Art & Music) – on sabbatical, Alam Gonzalez (SGA – Student), Ellen Mareneck (Communication), Sharmila Mukherjee (English), Enyuan Shang (Biology), Kaemanje Thomas (Education), Karen Thomas (Registrar), 2 SGA reps

1. **Call to Order:** 2:06 P.M., meeting called to order by Stephen Powers.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of October 25, 2017:** The minutes of October 25, 2017 were approved (15 yes, 1 abstention) by the members in attendance who were present at that meeting. *Gregory Cobb and Sa-Rawla Stoute arrived after the vote was taken.*
3. **Student Appeals:** No appeals. The next sub-committee meeting is on November 15. Members interested in participating in RISE advising in January should contact Shirley Skelt.
4. **CUNY Uniform Grade Glossary:** S. Powers reported back from having presented the Committee's recommendations to the Senate regarding the P/NC policy. It will be presented again at the December Senate meeting when it will be eligible for a vote. With respect to the First Year Freshman Forgiveness policy, recommendations were discussed. Members will bring the policy back to their departments for additional feedback. The policy will be returned for discussion and a possible vote on February 14, 2018.
  - **Section XIII:** *A college may choose to offer a First Year Freshman Forgiveness policy. If the student passes the course, they will receive the grade earned which will carry the designated GPA. If the student fails the course, the grade will be administratively converted to NC and have no impact on the GPA. This policy is limited to first year Freshman as defined by the college.*
    1. RECOMMENDATIONS
      - a. A freshman is defined as a first semester student with multiple college credit courses
      - b. A freshman is eligible for a maximum of 15 NC credits under this policy
      - c. All failing grades (F – WU – FIN) are eligible
      - d. The administrative conversion will take place via a student-initiated appeal to the Committee on Academic Standing, Campus Appeals Agent or designee. The Committee decisions in favor of applying the policy to the student record will be forwarded to the Registrar for processing.
      - e. The First Year Freshman Forgiveness Policy may be applied only one time in a student's BCC tenure.

5. **Revision of Academic Rules and Regulations:** Alexander Ott reported the sub-committee is making progress and hopes to have a completed revised document in the spring semester. The sub-committee will meet in January.
6. **New Business:** None
7. **Adjournment:** 3:26 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts:

- CUNY Uniform Grade Policy memo from March 2017
- First Year Freshman Forgiveness Policy data