

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

Present: Rasheen Allen (Biology), Nicholas Anuku (Chemistry), Bryan Betancur (Modern Language), Gregory Cobb (Social Sciences), 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), Wladyslaw Roczniak (History), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), Malcolm Sowah (SGA), James Watson (Library)

Present Alternates: Olusola Alamu (Nursing) -- seated, Syria Carrington (Registrar) -- seated, Kelmin Gutierrez (Student) -- seated, James Simpson (Business)

Guests: Alexander Ott (OAA)

Absent/Excused: Daouda Diop (SGA), Pape Diop (Student), Anita Rivers (Registrar), Emanuel Sanchez (Student), Alnisa Shabazz (Nursing), Sa-Rawla Stoute (Student Dev), Karen Thomas (Registrar),

Absent/Excused Alternates: Ellen Mareneck (Communication), Andrea Ortuño (Art and Music), Enyuan Shang (Biology), Kaemanje Thomas (Education), Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Social Sciences), Suzanne Zybert (Math)

1. **Call to Order:** 2:03 P.M., meeting called to order by S. Powers.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of March 14, 2018:** The minutes of March 14, 2018, were approved unanimously by the 15 members in attendance who were present at that meeting. (*R. Allen, N. Anuku, B. Betancur, G. Cobb, T. Fisher, A. Gatto, P. Jaijairam, M. Lejmi, O. Melendez, S. Mukherjee, S. Powers, S. Reader, W. Roczniak, M. Sowah, and O. Alamu.*)
3. **Student Appeals:** The sub-committee meeting scheduled for 3/21 was postponed due to a snow day. S. Skelt noted there were no appeals to report. The next sub-committee meeting is April 18th.
4. **AP Equivalency Review:** A. Ott reminded members whose departments have AP equivalent courses to speak to their departments. He will also send the information to the chairs of those departments.
5. **MLT change presentation:** R. Allen presented a proposed change from the MLT program. Questions were asked and answered. All 20 voting members present unanimously approved to waive the 2-meeting rule. All 20 voting members present then voted unanimously to approve the change, as noted below.
 - 8.2.3a.vii: *Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 and ~~a GPA of 2.3 in~~ complete all MLT courses with a C or better to enroll in BIO 90 (Clinical Internship) and to graduate from BCC.*
 - *Rationale: The current policy of a 2.3 cumulative GPA in MLT courses is confusing and difficult to enforce given that C grades in all MLT courses would result in a 2.0 GPA and not a 2.3. Additionally, the original passage of a 2.3 minimum MLT course cumulative GPA was based on an error. This proposed change in policy corrects this error.*

6. **Revision of Academic Rules and Regulations:** After a general discussion of the proposed updated codification, all 20 voting members present voted unanimously to accept the changes to the document categorized as minor edits or updates to conform with current policy or practice (noted in red). All 20 voting members also voted unanimously to accept the substantive proposed changes as amended (noted in teal/blue in the revised document). S. Powers will bring the revised document to the April Senate meetings. His presentation of the document to the Senate at the March meeting was tabled due to time, but he was able to share the document with the Faculty Council.
- The following amendments were suggested and accepted:
 - Added “have passed the tests” to 4.2.2b.i: “A student must be exempt, have passed the tests, or have completed writing and reading remediation.”
 - Changed “(semester GPA from 2.0)” to “(semester GPA of 2.0 or higher)” in 4.5.4a
 - The following amendment was suggested, voted upon, and approved unanimously by all 20 voting members present.
 - Changed the number of electives from 4 to 6 in 12.2.2. The rationale was that, given there was no clear indication as to why a limit of four elective credits was set, that six elective credits matches what Lehman College accepts. Additional research into this area is being conducted to determine if that number should be raised and, if so, a formal request to adjust the number of elective credits will be submitted.
7. **New Business:** S. Powers reported that Karen Thomas has been appointed as the Registrar for the College.
8. **Adjournment:** 2:35 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room. The final spring semester meeting is scheduled for May 9. There will be no meeting on April 11, as classes are following a Friday schedule that day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts:

- Substantive changes to the codification document and cover letter (cover letter not attached)
- MLT proposal (embedded within the minutes)