

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
Committee on Academic Standing
Minutes of April 25, 2018

Present: Rasheen Allen (Biology), Nicholas Anuku (Chemistry), Bryan Betancur (Modern Language), Gregory Cobb (Social Sciences), Teresa Fisher (Communication), Anthony Gatto (Art & Music), 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 Roczniak (History), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), Malcolm Sowah (SGA), Sa-Rawla Stoute (Student Dev), James Watson (Library)

Present Alternates: Olusola Alamu (Nursing) -- seated, Kelmin Gutierrez (Student) -- seated, James Simpson (Business) – seated, Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Social Sciences)

Guests: Alexander Ott (OAA)

Absent/Excused: Daouda Diop (SGA), Pape Diop (Student), Paul Jajjairam (Business), Emanuel Sanchez (Student), Alnisa Shabazz (Nursing), Karen Thomas (Registrar)

Absent/Excused Alternates: Syria Carrington (Registrar), Ellen Mareneck (Communication), Andrea Ortuño (Art and Music), Enyuan Shang (Biology), Kaemanje Thomas (Education), 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 28, 2018:** The minutes of March 28, 2018, were approved unanimously by the 17 Members in attendance who were present at that meeting. (*R. Allen, N. Anuku, B. Betancur, G. Cobb, T. Fisher, A. Gatto, M. Lejmi, J. Martinez, O. Melendez, S. Mukherjee, S. Powers, S. Reader, W. Roczniak, M. Sowah, O. Alamu, J. Simpson, and K. Gutierrez.*)
3. **Student Appeals:** S. Skelt reported on the 25 appeals from April 18. Four appeals had been tabled by Skelt and A. Rivers explained why #7 on the list could not be approved (due to a second degree in progress). The 20 Members present voted (19 yea, 1 abstention – S. Stoute) to approve the remaining 20 appeals.

During the discussion, A. Rivers noted that all Summer 2017 INC had been converted to FIN. S. Powers reminded Members that to change a FIN to a grade, the instructor has to first submit and be granted a request for an extension for the student to complete the missing work. The next appeals sub-committee meeting is scheduled for 5/2.

4. **AP Equivalency Review - Update:** A. Ott reminded departments for which the AP equivalency applies to respond to his previous email. Representing the History department, W. Roczniak asked two questions about the AP equivalency. One question regarded making changes after the initial review is complete. A. Ott noted this was possible on an academic year basis. The second question inquired if general elective credit could be given in lieu of noting a specific course equivalency. A. Ott noted that when conducting an AP equivalency review, departments should first look at equivalencies (is there a BCC course that the AP course is equivalent to). Then see if the AP course fits into a particular Pathways core or flexible area. Finally, they should review the grade requirements with the reminder that CUNY has specified that a 3 grade is equal to general elective credit. Regarding alignment with Lehman College's AP equivalency (given the number of students who transfer from BCC to Lehman), A. Ott noted that BCC will review if the two schools'

equivalencies align and make adjustments in collaboration with departments, as appropriate. A. Ott noted that if BCC places an AP equivalent course in one of the Pathways core or flexible areas, other CUNY schools must honor that decision when students are transferring into those schools.

5. **Academic Integrity presentation:** A. Ott noted that the current College catalog shows two Academic Integrity policies. One is from CUNY, but is out-of-date (2005/2006) while the other is from BCC's Senate and is also out-of-date (2000). Furthermore, there are contradictions between the two. Following discussion, A. Ott determined he will replace the CUNY Academic policy in the catalog with the updated CUNY one (2011) for the 2018-2019 catalog. Additionally, he will remove the outdated BCC Senate one from the upcoming catalog and notify the Senate of this action. The Senate can create a new policy in line with the CUNY policy, as per part 5 of the CUNY policy, in the 2018-2019 academic year, if they so choose.
6. **Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations:** S. Powers reported the updated Codification will be presented at the 4/26/18 Senate meeting.
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Adjournment:** 2:44 P.M.

The final spring semester meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts:

- Academic appeals from 4/18 meeting (not attached due to EMPL ID numbers included)
- CUNY and BCC Senate Academic Integrity policies in 2017-2018 BCC catalog
- CUNY updated (2011) Academic Integrity policy