

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

of the City University of New York

Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes of September 12, 2018

Present: Nicholas Anuku (Chemistry), Wesley Baez (Student), Gregory Cobb (Social Sciences), Laurel Cummins (Modern Language), Stephanie Dorleans (SGA), Teresa Fisher (Communication), Anthony Gatto (Art & Music), Karen Hernandez (Student), Paul Jaijairam (Business), Eugene Mananga (Eng Phy Tech), Octavio Melendez (Advisement, OAA), Stephen Powers (Education), Anita Rivers (Registrar), Wladyslaw Rocznik (History), Dominick Rosa (Student), Alnisa Shabazz (Nursing), Enyuan Shang (Biology), Karen Thomas (Registrar), James Watson (Library)

Present Alternates: James Simpson (Business), Kaemanje Thomas (Education), Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Social Sciences)

Guests: Alexander Ott (OAA)

Absent/Excused: Mehdi Lejmi (Math), Ulana Lysniak (HPER), Sharmila Mukherjee (English), Lottine Nkwain (SGA), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), Sa-Rawla Stoute (Student Dev)

1. **Call to Order:** 2:09 P.M., meeting called to order by Karen Thomas.
2. **Elections for CAS Chair and Secretary:** S. Powers was unanimously reelected as Chair of the Committee (*A. Gatto and J. Watson had not yet arrived*). T. Fisher was unanimously reelected as Recording Secretary.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of May 9, 2018:** Approval of the May 9, 2018, minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum of members present at that meeting.
4. **Student Appeals:** A formal report on the summer 2018 appeals was tabled until 9/26/18 due to S. Skelt's absence. S. Powers gave an informal report on the summer RISE events, thanking the members who participated in those five events, particularly those present for the 8/2/18 event which had the largest number of students. A. Rivers noted a preliminary count of granted appeals over the summer at 636. Dates for the Fall 2018 sub-committee meetings will be distributed on 9/26/18.
5. **MLT program:** Tabled until the 9/26/18 meeting, but A. Ott provided some context in anticipation of that later presentation. The MLT program is looking to increase the number of allowable transfer credits for the AAS degree from 30 to 33 or 36 solely for students coming into the program with a B.A., as students are otherwise retaking courses or doing independent studies out-of-pocket, to complete the 66-credit degree. M. Vizcarrondo posed a question about how such a change might impact a student who received their AA in Criminal Justice at BCC, then got their BA in Forensic Science at John Jay, and then came back for the AAS at MLT. J. Simpson asked about whether or not it had been considered to instead have a 30-credit residency requirement (30 credits taken at BCC to fulfill the degree). A. Rivers noted that there is precedence in CUNY senior colleges to accept more than the 60-credit transfer limit in certain programs.
6. **Academic Rules and Regulations – Course Substitute:** While this item was tabled until the 9/26/18 meeting, A. Ott provided some context for a proposed clarification of the current codification language in 10.5.2. T. Fisher added additional context regarding the role of the Pathways Appeals Officer in Pathways course substitutions and waivers. Language on the proposed changes will be provided to committee members before the next meeting.

7. **P/NC Policy:** S. Powers reminded members that the P/NC policy is now in effect, explaining it for new members. He and K. Thomas will be presenting the new form and policy to the SGA. It was also noted that department chairs have the new policy information. A draft copy of the form will be sent to members who can also assist in publicizing the new policy. S. Powers reminded members that the NC has financial implications, just the same as the WU and W grades have.
8. **New Business:** Members introduced themselves.
9. **Adjournment:** 3:08 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room. Other fall meetings will follow the normal schedule of the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, and 12/12).

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts: (none)