

Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes for October 26, 2011

PRESENT:

Evangelia Antonakos, Larry Brenner, Cheryl Byrd, Grace Campagna, Vanessa Cofresi, Laurel Cummins, Fuseina Gimballa, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jaijairam, Mary Lou McNichol, Octavio Melendez, Mark Padnos, Eugene Passer, Stephen Powers, Wladyslaw Roczniak, Ajaz Sana, Karen Thomas, Charlotte Witherspoon, Alexander Wolf.

The meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

I. Approval of the Minutes of October 12th *Grace Campagna*

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. A correction is noted to the date in the header, from October 14th to October 12th. Also, Evangelia Antonakos requested that Item III.A be corrected to instead reference “all” college-level math courses. The Minutes were approved as revised (17 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining).

II. Old Business

A. Dean’s List Revisions *Stephen Powers*

The Committee reviewed an updated proposal to revise the existing Spring 2001 Codification (as revised by the Senate in Fall 2002). The substantive changes to the codification are that students would be eligible upon completion of 12 credits in two consecutive semesters; that the minimum GPA per 12-credit band is raised from 3.0 to 3.3; and that “R” grades are no longer among the grades that would exclude a student from eligibility. Since the Winter Session is considered to be Fall Session II for registration purposes, courses taken in January would attach to the immediately-preceding Fall semester. Courses taken in Summer sessions would not be considered for Dean’s List eligibility. A motion to approve the most recent revision is passed unanimously. The item will be presented to the Senate next week.

B. Appeals and Waivers *Cheryl Byrd*

There are no pending appeals for CAS action. The next meeting of the Appeals Subcommittee will be Wednesday, November 2nd.

C. Medical Lab Technician (MLT) Curriculum Changes *Stephen Powers*

The curriculum change approved unanimously by CAS at the October 12th meeting reflects a revision to the version before the Senate on October 6th. (The revision clarified that the MLT program would average grades received in courses repeated to

replace a prior C grade.) The item, as revised by MLT and approved by CAS, will again be submitted to the Senate next week for approval.

D. CUNY Mathematics Proficiency Policy

Evangelia Antonakos

New language was distributed in response to questions raised at the last CAS meeting regarding the most current COMPASS retesting policies. It was reiterated that the proposed change, to allow students to repeat passing grades lower than C in all college-level math courses, does not affect students already graduated from BCC. CAS requested clarification as to whether the repeated grade would be averaged with or replace the prior grade; whether the number of retakes would be unlimited and, if so, which repeated grade(s) would be included in the proficiency decision; what effect this would have on other BCC pre-professional programs' math requirements; and how the proposed change would interact with BCC's Statute of Limitations policy for grade forgiveness. Pending clarification of these issues by the Math Department, CAS votes to accept the proposal as currently written (16 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstaining). CAS will revisit this item in November and plan to present the proposal to the Senate in December.

E. Consideration of a President's List

Vanessa Cofresi

A summary of eligibility standards at various local colleges was distributed and reviewed. Since CAS is generally supportive of the proposal to initiate a President's List at BCC, CAS members will seek feedback from their respective departments at the next scheduled departmental meetings.

F. Attendance Policy

Stephen Powers

It is proposed that the language of the CUNY-wide policy on student attendance replace the current BCC attendance statement. CAS discussed the policy restatement's potential implications for the issuance of WU final course grades. The item is tabled for future consideration.

III. New Business

NONE.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna