

Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes for December 7, 2011

PRESENT:

Evangelia Antonakos, Roni Ben-Nun, Larry Brenner, Cheryl Byrd, Grace Campagna, Vanessa Cofresi, Laurel Cummins, Camilla Dacey-Groth, Fuseina Gimballa, Paula Green, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jajjairam, Chernob Jallow, Mary Lou McNichol, Octavio Melendez, Mark Padnos, Stephen Powers, Wladyslaw Rocznik, Ajaz Sana, Charlotte Witherspoon, Alexander Wolf. *Guests: Andrew McInerney, Mathematics; Deborah Morris, Nursing.* (Note: Vote tallies below vary due to late arrivals.)

The meeting commenced at 2:05 p.m.

- I. Approval of the Minutes of November 9th *Grace Campagna*

Note: Minutes were addressed at 2:40 to allow items II.A and II.B to proceed first.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. Minutes were approved (17 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstaining.)

- II. Old Business

A. CUNY Math Proficiency Policy: PHM 10 *Andrew McInerney, Deborah Morris*
Representatives from the Departments of Mathematics and Nursing & Allied Health presented a revision to the prerequisite for PHM 10, Pharmacology Computations. Currently, students need math exemption or a minimum COMPASS placement score of M1:35, M2:40. The proposal to require “CUNY Math Proficiency or a MTH 05 grade of C or higher” is based in part on data indicating a correlation between above-average math scores and grade attained in PHM 10. This item has been discussed at four CAS meetings to date. A motion to approve the proposed change in the Math prerequisite for the PHM 10 course is passed unanimously (19, 0, 0.)

B. Appeals and Waivers *Cheryl Byrd*
Recommendations of the November 16th Subcommittee were distributed and reviewed. CAS voted unanimously to approve the 2 Statute of Limitations cases (19, 0, 0). CAS voted unanimously to approve the 5 Administrative cases (19, 0, 0).

C. Announcements *Stephen Powers*
1. The proposed change to Dean’s List eligibility requirements passed the BCC Senate unanimously.
2. The proposed change to the Medical Lab Technician curriculum passed the BCC Senate.

D. Consent to Approve Findings of January 2012 Subcommittees *Stephen Powers*
CAS Subcommittees will meet January 5th, 12th, and 19th to review student appeals. Timely response to students is needed to allow appropriate advisement and registration for Spring 2012. A motion to empower CAS subcommittees to act without explicit CAS approval during January 2012 is passed unanimously (20, 0, 0).

E. CUNY Mathematics Proficiency Policy (continued) *Evangelia Antonakos*
Other than Item II.A above, on the proposed revision to the math prerequisite for PHM 10, there is no new information as to changes in policy and procedure to enable students to attain college-level math proficiency. This item is tabled to the first CAS meeting of Spring 2012.

F. Consideration of a President's List *Vanessa Cofresi*
Proposed language to introduce a President's List was reviewed. The language is modeled on the most recent revision to the Dean's List, but for a minimum GPA of 3.7, and a limitation that students who attain the President's List are not simultaneously eligible for Dean's List. Paragraph 5.10 of the proposed language is revised to be consistent with paragraph 5.8 as to the above limitation at graduation. A motion to approve the proposal, as revised, is passed unanimously (20, 0, 0). The item will be presented to the Senate in February. CAS thanks Vanessa Cofresi for introducing and researching this proposed change to the Codification.

III. New Business

- A. Eligibility Criteria to Register in Distance Learning Courses *Stephen Powers*
The Office of Academic Affairs requests that students registering in online (hybrid, blended, or asynchronous) courses have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Data for Fall 2009 show a significant disparity in online course pass rates for students in good standing vs. students with GPAs below 2.0, regardless of remediation level. Given the need for timely action on this proposal, a motion to waive the two-meeting discussion rule is passed unanimously (20, 0, 0). A motion to approve the proposed criteria is passed (19 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining). Exception procedures for individual student cases will be formalized. Since no curriculum is affected, no notice in the Chancellor's Report is needed.
- B. CAS will continue to discuss the issue of purview to hear student appeals to convert inappropriately-issued F grades to WU. Members are asked to remind their respective departments as to the Codification standards for the use of F, WU, and INC end-term grades.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna