Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes for February 8, 2012 (Approved 2/22/12)

PRESENT:


The meeting commenced at 2:10 p.m.

I. Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2011

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. Minutes were approved (14 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstaining: I. Mirsky, E. Passer.)

II. Old Business

A. Appeals and Waivers

No subcommittee decisions as to student appeals and waivers are pending for CAS review and approval. During the January intersession, CAS subcommittees reviewed 425 student suspension appeals of which 242 were approved.

B. Announcements

1. Isabel Mirsky is replacing Larry Brenner as CAS representative from the Department of Communications Arts and Sciences.
2. Effective immediately, Stephen Powers resigns the position of CAS Chairperson. The floor passes to Octavio Melendez to conduct the nomination and election of a new Chairperson.

C. Nomination and Election of a new CAS Chairperson

Isabel Mirsky is the sole nominee for the open position of CAS Chairperson. Isabel Mirsky is elected unanimously (16, 0, 0) to succeed Stephen Powers as CAS Chairperson.

D. Consideration of a President’s List (4th meeting)

Proposed language to introduce a President’s List was approved by CAS unanimously on December 7, 2011 and will be presented to the BCC Senate for the first time on Thursday, February 8, 2012. A Senate vote on the newly introduced President’s List is anticipated for the following Senate meeting in March.
III. New Business

A. CAS Purview for Student Appeals of F Grades
   Formal consideration of CAS ability to hear, or requirement to hear, student appeals of F grades
   is tabled pending input from key individuals campus-wide. CAS will review this item after those
   meetings have occurred.

B. Clarification of PEN and WU Grade
   CAS discussed and reviewed circumstances under which the PEN and WU grades are
   appropriate. The College Catalog states that PEN may be assigned “when the disposition of the
   final grade requires further evaluation. It is also used when the college must hold a student’s
   grade in abeyance pending the outcome of the academic review process.” Thus the two
   recognized uses for the PEN grade are in disciplinary cases and as an end-of-semester temporary
   grade in ENG 10 pending later results on the CAT-W test.

C. Attendance Policy
   CAS will review a written clarification of the BCC policy on student course attendance at the
   next meeting.

D. Modern Language Exemption.
   A proposal from the Modern Language department to revise the standards for student exemption
   from the Modern Language requirement was reviewed and discussed. CAS members are asked to
   obtain feedback from their respective departments for further discussion at the next CAS meeting.

E. Future Meetings
   The remaining CAS meetings for the Spring 2012 semester are scheduled for February 22nd,
   March 14th, March 28th, April 25th, and May 9th. The March 28th meeting will be held in Language
   Hall. There is no CAS meeting on April 11th due to Spring Break.

IV. Adjournment

   The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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