Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes for February 22, 2012 (APPROVED)

PRESENT:


The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2012

Grace Campagna

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. Minutes were approved (14 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining: V. Cofresi. Note: A. Sana, K. Thomas not yet present.)

II. Appeals and Waivers

Cheryl Byrd

No subcommittee decisions as to student appeals and waivers are pending for CAS review and approval. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the March 7th and future subcommittees.

III. Old Business

A. Modern Language (ML) Exemption Proposal

Isabel Mirsky

Department meetings did not occur since the last CAS meeting on 2/8; the next scheduled meetings are tomorrow, 2/23. Data from BCC Institutional Research were circulated as to student exemption rates based on high school language course grades; CAS will seek clarification of the comparison sample for that data. The definition of proficiency, including prior grades and scores, is up to the ML Department. The standard proposed by ML is subject to approval by the Curriculum Committee. CAS will obtain clarification of the rationale for the proposed change from the ML Department in time for tomorrow’s department meetings. CAS members are asked to seek feedback for CAS discussion and action on March 14th.

B. Math Department Proposal: Course Repeat for College Proficiency

Evangelia Antonakos

A revised proposal from the Math Department was reviewed and discussed. The revision would allow students, as-of-right, to repeat passed courses in order to obtain at least a “C” grade in MTH 21, 23, 13, or 30, so as to demonstrate proficiency for purpose of transfer to a senior college. (Currently, students require Math Department permission.) The GPA would still reflect the initial passing grade. Implications for financial aid were discussed. CAS members are asked to get feedback from their respective departments, to permit a CAS vote on March 14th, and presentation to the BCC Senate for action later this semester.
II. New Business

A. Revision to BCC Catalog Statement on Attendance

Isabel Mirsky

A proposal to revise the college catalog’s language as to student attendance was reviewed and discussed. BCC’s attendance statement needs to be consistent with CUNY policy. Implications were discussed regarding faculty grading decisions, standards for syllabi content, student lateness, certain non-classroom courses, and for Commencement of Attendance (COA). CAS will obtain the text of the CUNY attendance policy for comparison; CAS action is tabled to the next meeting.

B. Withdrawal Statement

Isabel Mirsky

The College Catalog and the Codification statement both contain obsolete language regarding procedures for student-initiated official withdrawal. CAS will review a proposed revision to that language at the next meeting.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna