

## Committee on Academic Standing

### MINUTES for September 11, 2013 (APPROVED)

#### PRESENT:

Rasheen Allen, Charmaine Aleong, Evangelia Antonakos, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Anthony Gatto, Paula Green, Sarah Hanssen, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jaijairam, Swan Kim, Duane Lewis, Octavio Melendez (*during Introductions only*), Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Angel Resto, Wladyslaw Roczniak, Zuwang Shen, Alin Szabo.

The meeting commenced at 2:10 PM.

#### I. Introductions *Isabel Mirsky*

Isabel Mirsky announced that Octavio Melendez has been reassigned from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs and therefore will no longer serve as the CAS representative from Academic Affairs. For the English Department, Swan Kim is attending today as the alternate. Isabel Mirsky will verify voting procedures for department alternates.

#### II. Elections *Isabel Mirsky*

- A. Chairperson: Isabel Mirsky was nominated to continue as Chair. There were no other nominations. A motion to close nominations was approved unanimously. Isabel Mirsky was re-elected by acclamation.
- B. Recording Secretary: Grace Campagna was nominated to continue as Recording Secretary. There were no other nominations. A motion to close nominations was approved unanimously. Grace Campagna was re-elected by acclamation.

#### III. Approval of the Minutes of May 8, 2013 *Grace Campagna*

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. Lacking a quorum of those present at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Minutes cannot be approved today and are presented for information only.

#### IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing 306 actions taken from June 12<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. During that time, 23 Administrative cases were reviewed of which 21 were granted and two were denied; four Statute of Limitations cases were reviewed of which three were granted and one was denied; 279 Dismissals were reviewed of which 233 were granted and 46 were denied. Currently there are no dismissal appeals pending. Stephen Powers also reported on summer appeals activities.

Returning CAS members will be asked to staff the September 18<sup>th</sup> Appeals Subcommittee. At the next CAS meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, all CAS members will be asked to volunteer for a future Appeals Subcommittee this semester. New CAS members will receive training on the appeals process.

V. Old Business *Isabel Mirsky*

- A. Permanent Dismissal: CAS will revisit BCC's policy as to permanent dismissal in cases where attaining good academic status is feasible.
- B. CUNY AP Policy: During the spring semester, several departments identified course equivalents while others are still pending. This item is tabled to the next CAS meeting.

VI. New Business *Isabel Mirsky*

- A. CAS Ability to Hear Appeals of "F" Grades: CUNY policy does grant the Committee on Academic Standing the authority to hear student appeals of "F" grades. However, since the BCC departments have been opposed to such actions, CAS has not done so. CAS will be revisiting this issue during the current semester.
- B. Online Course Requirements: Stephen Powers reported on summer workshops with the various BCC staff involved in online courses. The existing Codification requires students to have a 2.0 GPA in order to enroll for online courses. However, first-semester freshmen and entering previous-degree students have, by definition, GPA of 0.00 and are thus excluded from online courses. The Codification will need to be amended to correct this.
- C. Pathways Appeals: Isabel Mirsky reported that BCC will develop an appeals process to evaluate transfer credits, particularly for students transferring from outside CUNY.
- D. Future Agenda Items: CAS members are asked to forward to Isabel Mirsky any new items of business raised by their respective departments.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM. The next CAS meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 2:00 PM in South Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna  
Recording Secretary