

Committee on Academic Standing

MINUTES for February 26, 2014 (Approved 3/12/14)

PRESENT:

Rasheen Allen, Charmaine Aleong, Evangelia Antonakos, Nicolas Anuku, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Anthony Gatto, Paula Green, David Hadaller, Sarah Hanssen, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jaijairam, Jon Katz, Duane Lewis, Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Angel Resto, Vava Roczniaak, Zuwang Shen, Alin Szabo. *Guests:* Deborah Morris, Erica Williams. *(Note: Vote totals vary due to early departures.)*

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM.

I. Introductions *Isabel Mirsky*

New members this semester are Jon Katz, representing the English Department, and Nicolas Anuku, representing the Chemistry and Chemical Technology Department.

II. Approval of the Minutes of December 11, 2013 *Grace Campagna*

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. The Minutes were approved, 13 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstaining: Anuku, Hadaller, Hermina, Katz. *(Jaijairam, Roczniaak departed early. Note: Minutes were approved as the last item of business.)*

III. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing 120 actions taken from December 17th to January 24th. On those dates, 17 Administrative cases were reviewed of which 14 were granted and three were denied; three Statute of Limitations cases were reviewed of which all were granted; 100 Dismissal cases were reviewed of which 86 were granted and 14 were denied. Since these actions occurred in Executive Session during winter intersession, no CAS action is needed. An additional 32 Administrative cases were tabled. An additional 23 Statute of Limitations cases are pending.

An appeals subcommittee met on February 26th to review two cases, one Administrative and one Statute of Limitations, both of which were granted. A motion to approve the recommendations of the February 26th subcommittee was approved unanimously. *(Jaijairam, Roczniaak departed early. Note: This item was presented after the discussion of New Business Item V.A.)*

Monique Fortuné circulated a sign-up sheet for CAS members to serve on appeals subcommittees this semester.

IV. Old Business

Isabel Mirsky

- A. Advanced Placement Course Equivalents: Isabel Mirsky will follow up with the academic departments that have not yet provided course equivalent designations, so that this information can be included in the new online BCC College Catalogue.
- B. Online Course Requirements: This item is tabled to a future CAS meeting.
- C. CAS Ability to Address F Grades: This item is tabled to a future CAS meeting.

V. New Business

Isabel Mirsky

- A. Changes to Nursing Program Acceptance Criteria: (*Note: This item was presented at the start of the meeting.*) Deborah Morris, Chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, described proposed changes to the standards for pre-clinical and clinical courses in the RN and LPN curricula, to take effect for students entering BCC in the fall 2014 semester. The two areas affected are passing grade requirements and the number of repeated clinical courses. Language changes to Section 8.2.1 of the Codification were distributed. In the pre-clinical sequence, the minimum cumulative GPA will be increased from 2.5 to 2.7, and “CMS11” is revised to “COMM11;” in the RN program, transfers from other institutions must be in good academic standing. In the clinical sequence, the minimum cumulative GPA will be increased from C to C+, and the allowed number of repeated courses is decreased from two to one (excluding Level I courses); in the RN program, the maximum number of courses with the new minimum acceptable grade of C+ is reduced from three to two. The proposed changes are intended to bring BCC in line with standards at other colleges and also enable BCC nursing graduates to be accepted to baccalaureate-level nursing programs.

This item will be presented to the Curriculum Committee next week. CAS will vote on the proposed revisions at its March 12th meeting.

- B. Limit to Course Repetitions: Baruch College allows three repetitions without appeal for students receiving F or WU grades. CAS will research the course repeat policy in the BCC Catalogue and will suggest revisions to bring BCC’s policy for non-remedial courses into line with other CUNY campuses.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next CAS meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 12th in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary

Approved by CAS on March 12, 2014