

Committee on Academic Standing
MINUTES for March 12, 2014 (Approved 3/26/14)

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, Cheuk Lee, Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Angel Resto, Vava Rocznik, Zuwang Shen, Alin Szabo. *Guests:* Deborah Morris, Ellen Hoist, 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 February 26th and March 5th *Grace Campagna*

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. The Minutes of February 26th were approved, 18 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining: Lee. (*Note: Minutes were approved as the second item of business.*) Lacking a quorum of CAS members present on that date, approval of the Minutes of the special meeting of March 5th is tabled.

III. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing the recommendations of the March 5th subcommittee. (Isabel Mirsky noted that the single appeal approved at a specially-called CAS meeting also held on March 5th did not need further action.) On that date, 16 Administrative cases were reviewed of which 12 were granted and four were denied; one Statute of Limitations case was granted. An additional 32 Administrative cases were tabled for additional documentation. As of today, a further 24 Administrative cases and 23 Statute of Limitations cases are pending. A motion to approve the recommendations of the March 5th subcommittee as to the Administrative cases was approved unanimously; a motion to approve the recommendation of the March 5th subcommittee as to the Statute case was approved unanimously. (*Rocznik left early. Note: Student appeals were presented as the last item of business.*) Monique Fortuné noted that openings still exist for some of the appeals sessions, and circulated a sign-up sheet for CAS members to serve on appeals subcommittees this semester.

IV. Old 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, distributed and described revisions to proposed changes to the standards

for pre-clinical and clinical courses in the RN and LPN curricula. Revisions now state that BCC students who had not been enrolled for a year or more would be held to the new standards, and that transfer students who had failed out of another nursing program would be ineligible to apply.

CAS requested two further changes: first, that the clause about transfer students entering the RN program also be added to section pertaining to LPN applicants; second, that the term “dismissed” be altered to refer explicitly to students who were asked to leave a previously-attended nursing program for non-academic reasons, so as to remove any ambiguity as to the CUNY first usage of “dismissal” for unsatisfactory academic progress.

A motion to accept the proposed language, as revised, was approved unanimously. The Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences will present these proposed changes to entrance requirements for the RN and LPN programs to the BCC Senate at the end of March for Senate action in April, to take effect for students entering BCC in fall 2014.

- B. Limit to Course Repetitions: CAS representatives discussed feedback from their respective departments. This item is tabled to a future meeting so that additional feedback may be sought from more departments.
- C. Advanced Placement Course Equivalents: Isabel Mirsky will follow up with the academic departments that have not yet provided course equivalent designations.
- D. Online Course Requirements: This item is tabled to a future CAS meeting.
- E. CAS Ability to Address F Grades: This item is tabled to a future CAS meeting.

V. New Business

Isabel Mirsky

- A. “WD” Grade: An August 2013 CUNY grading memo will introduce a new grade to be applied to students who attend a class at least once and then drop it at the beginning of the semester before the “W” grade is in effect. Cheuk Lee explained that the WD grade would not require faculty action, would not appear on student transcripts, and would apply to courses dropped during the refund period in the second and third weeks of the semester. The new grade is not yet activated in CUNYfirst. Isabel Mirsky noted that the new WD grade would require CAS to draft new language for the BCC Codification.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM. The next CAS meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26th in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary

Approved by CAS on March 26, 2014