

Committee on Academic Standing
MINUTES for October 22, 2014 (Approved)

PRESENT:

Rasheen Allen, Charmaine Aleong, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Anthony Gatto, Sarah Hanssen, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jaijairam, Jon Katz, Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Ahmed Reid, Angel Resto, Alin Szabo, Zhe Wang. *Guest:* Jesús Sanabria (Library Department).

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes of October 8th *Grace Campagna*

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. The Minutes were approved, 11 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstaining: Hermina, Resto.

II. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing the recommendations of the October 15th subcommittee. Five Administrative cases were considered of which four were granted and one was denied; one Statute of Limitations case was considered and granted; no Dismissal cases were considered. CAS reviewed additional materials that were circulated and requested that explanatory notes be added for Administrative case #2. A motion to approve the recommendations of the October 15th subcommittee, as amended, was approved unanimously.

CAS discussed additional details pertaining to Appeals Case #1, in which the student received three WU grades and one F grade in 1996. Under section 8.8.1 of the BCC Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations, CAS has authority to resolve academic grades to non-academic grades where the student did not complete the requirements of the course, and thus an academic grade is inappropriate. A motion to convert the single F grade to a WU grade was approved unanimously. A motion to amend the earlier vote as to the overall recommendations of the October 15th subcommittee with regard to the converted WU grade was approved unanimously. Going forward, CAS will review appeals to convert such inappropriate grades on an individual case-by-case basis.

Isabel Mirsky presented the details of an Administrative case that was tabled by the October 1st subcommittee. The student had a GPA of 1.997 with at least 60 credits. Section 11.5.4 of the Codification allows CAS to authorize graduation for students who are doubtful cases with GPA ~~between~~ at least 1.95 and but less than 2.0. This student's transcript had a WU for a course that was repeated and passed but did not attain at least a C grade to replace the WU. Title IX provisions were implicated in the original WU grade. A motion to convert the WU to a W, thereby raising the GPA to at least 2.0, was approved unanimously.

III. Old Business

Isabel Mirsky

- A. AP Equivalents: Designations are pending for two departments. As soon as these are received, the course equivalents will be submitted for listing in the BCC online catalogue.
- B. Online Course Requirements: This item is tabled.
- C. Title IX Provisions: Isabel Mirsky informed that the BCC Office of Disability Services had provided some clarification as to how to assist affected students. Students who seek special accommodations due to pregnancy should register with the Office of Disability Services.
- D. Course Substitutions and Waivers: This item is tabled.
- E. Course Repetitions: This item is tabled.

IV. New Business

Isabel Mirsky

Math Department Remedial Course Grades: The Math Department intends to present an item to the BCC Senate this semester, to take effect in Spring 2015. This schedule will require that CAS waive the two-meeting rule. The action item seeks to raise the minimum passing grade in MTH01 to C--, and to substitute lower grades with "R" (Repeat). The proposed change is based on campus data indicating that students who receive below C— in MTH 01 are unlikely to pass MTH05. CAS recommended that the Math Department research remedial grading practices at other CUNY campuses so as to be consistent with CUNY-wide standards.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. The next CAS meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 12th in the South Hall Conference Room. The following and final CAS meeting of the semester will be on Wednesday, December 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary