Committee on Academic Standing
MINUTES for February 8, 2017 (Approved)

PRESENT:
Rasheen Allen, Nicholas Anuku, Grace Campagna, Gregory Cobb (alt., Social Sciences)

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes  Grace Campagna

The draft Minutes of November 9th were circulated and reviewed. A correction was requested in that S. Zybert was listed but did not attend. Lacking a quorum of voting members present on November 9th, approval of those Minutes is tabled to a future meeting.

II. Student Appeals  Shirley Skelt

A summary of appeals approved by Executive Committee during January intersession was circulated and reviewed; 198 granted cases included 65 Administrative, 9 Statute, and 124 Waiver of Dismissal appeals. A sign-up sheet was circulated for this semester’s Subcommittee meetings.

III. Old Business

A. Standards for Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian  Alexander Ott

CAS reviewed the most recent draft revisions to Codification section 11.7, Graduation Honors. CAS asked that the proposal be amended to make uniform the questions asked of and rubric used to score each candidate. A motion to accept the amended selection process based on the proposed policy was approved unanimously. The item will next be presented to Senate.

B. Standards for Dean’s List and President’s List  Edwin Roman

CAS reviewed the most recent draft revisions to Codification section 5, Dean’s List and President’s List. The current version proposes separate lists for full-time and part-time students; eligible part-time students would have received grades for between six and eleven college-level credits within a given semester. CAS asked that the revision make explicit that Dean’s Lists and President’s Lists would apply only to grades earned during Fall and Spring semesters, and that a revision including other requested text changes be provided in advance of the March 2nd department meetings. CAS members would seek their respective department feedback and would take action at the March 8th CAS meeting for subsequent presentation to Senate.
IV. New Business

A. Writing Intensive (WI) Guidelines  
   Swan Kim

S. Kim circulated a draft proposal to give students the option to receive WI credit via individual contracts in non-WI-designated courses. The rationale is that over 300 WI waivers are requested per semester. CAS discussed whether the proposal entails revision to the Codification or only the College Catalog; practical and pedagogical implications were also discussed. S. Kim will provide data as to distribution of current departmental WI courses as well as the majors of students who have requested such waivers.

B. P/NC Grade  
   Alexander Ott

A proposal to reintroduce the Pass/No Credit course grade option for students was discussed briefly.

C. Animal Care and Management (ACM) Certificate  
   Rasheen Allen

R. Allen circulated a proposal to revise criteria for acceptance into the ACM program. The revision would require a grade of C or higher in BIO 11 prior to enrolling in BIO 15 and a grade of C+ or higher in BIO 15 prior to enrolling in ACM 90. Repeat attempts would be limited to one each for BIO 11 and BIO 15, but W grades would not be counted as repeat attempts. The rationale for the change is to improve students’ likelihood of passing BIO 15. CAS asked that the ACM program coordinator attend the next CAS meeting and that the ACM program meet with A. Ott as to the approval process by CAS and Curriculum Committee.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. The next CAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 2 PM in the South Hall Conference Room. Further meetings this semester will be March 8th, March 22nd, April 26th, and May 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary

Approved by CAS on February 22, 2017