Committee on Academic Standing
MINUTES for September 10, 2014 (DRAFT)

PRESENT:

The meeting commenced at 2:10 PM.

I. Introductions

Ahmed Reid is the new representative for the History Department. Zhe Wang is attending as the alternate today and will be the new representative for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as of the next CAS meeting. CAS meeting dates for the rest of the fall semester are October 8th, October 22nd, November 12th, and December 10th. CAS members are reminded to have their department chairs confirm their representation for the current academic year.

II. Elections

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 14th

Minutes were distributed and reviewed. The Minutes were corrected to delete the last sentence of item III.A and all of item III.B. The Minutes of May 14th were approved, as corrected, 14 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining: Reid.

IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals

Monique Fortuné noted that she is now located in Loew Hall, Room 413, and will receive student appeals Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. She then distributed an informational chart listing the 369 appeals heard by the summer 2014 Executive Committee, and will also provide a follow-up report summarizing the dispositions of the 369 cases. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the fall semester appeals.
subcommittee meetings, and CAS members were asked to volunteer. New CAS members will receive training on the appeals process.

V. Old Business

A. Advanced Placement Course Equivalencies: Course designations are still needed for the Departments of English, Chemistry and Chemical Technology, and Physics and Technology. Equivalencies for all affected departments will be included in the College’s updated online catalogue.

B. Online Course Requirements: CAS discussed possible online course enrollment eligibility standards and procedures for incoming freshmen and for transfer students new to BCC. The existing requirement of a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA precludes such students from registering in online courses as-of-right.

C. CAS Action on F Grades: Section 8.8.1 of the BCC Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations states that, “CAS is empowered to adjudicate all questions involving…. Resolution of grades from an academic to a non-academic grade where the student has failed to complete the requirements of the course, including the final examination, and therefore an academic grade is inappropriate.” This summer’s Executive Committee applied this provision in a limited number of appeals where a single F grade had been entered among all other WU grades, and where the student did document non-completion of the course for which the F grade was received.

D. Course Substitutions and Waivers: This item is tabled to a future meeting.

E. Course Repetitions: This item is tabled to a future meeting.

VI. New Business: NONE.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM. The next CAS meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 8th in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary