

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

PRESENT:

Rasheen Allen, Charmaine Aleong, Nicolas Anuku, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Anthony Gatto, Paula Green, Sarah Hanssen, Mildred Hermina, Paul Jaijairam, Jon Katz, Octavio Melendez, Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Angel Resto, Alin Szabo, Cynthia Tobar, Zhe Wang. *(Note: Vote tallies below vary due to late arrivals.)*

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM.

I. Introductions *Isabel Mirsky*

Octavio Melendez is returning to CAS as the representative of the Office of Academic Affairs. Cynthia Tobar is the new representative of the Library. Mildred Hermina, the current representative of the Office of Student Affairs, will be on Travia leave next semester; the new representative will need to have faculty status in accordance with Section 1.1.2 of the Codification of Academic Rules and Regulations.

II. Approval of the Minutes (2:50 p.m.) *Grace Campagna*

- A. Meeting of October 22nd: Minutes were distributed and reviewed. Page one, last paragraph, is corrected with reference to Section 11.5.4 of the Codification as to doubtful graduation cases. The Minutes were approved, 13 in favor, none against, 4 abstaining: Anuku, Green, Melendez, Tobar.
- B. Meeting of November 12th: Minutes were distributed and reviewed. The list of those present is corrected to include Nicholas Anuku and Paula Green. Lacking a quorum of CAS members present on that date, approval of the Minutes of the November 12th meeting is tabled.

III. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing the recommendations of the November 19th and December 3rd subcommittees. On November 19th, two Administrative cases were considered of which one was granted and one was denied; neither Dismissal cases nor Statute of Limitations cases were included. On December 3rd, five Administrative cases were considered of which four were granted and one was denied; one Statute of Limitations case was considered and granted; two Dismissal cases were considered of which one was granted and one was denied. A second informational chart summarized the recommendations of the November 5th subcommittee; approval of those appeals had been tabled at the November 12th CAS meeting. On November 5th, seven Administrative cases were considered of which five were granted and two were denied; one Statute of Limitations case was considered and granted; one Dismissal case was considered and granted.

With regard to the November 5th appeals, it was noted that one of the Administrative cases was granted by Executive Committee on August 26th and is presented to CAS for information only. A motion to approve the remaining recommendations of the November 5th subcommittee was approved unanimously. A motion to approve the recommendations of the November 19th subcommittee was approved unanimously. With regard to the December 3rd appeals, notes were added to the disposition of the Statute case, and the granted Dismissal case was clarified as being as-of-right and therefore not subject to CAS approval. A motion to approve the remaining recommendations of the December 3rd subcommittee was approved unanimously. (*Szabo not yet present.*)

IV. Old Business

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- A. Advanced Placement Course Equivalencies: Course designations are pending for the Chemistry and Chemical Technology Department. Equivalencies for all affected departments will be included in the College's updated online catalogue.
- B. Math Department Remedial Course Grades: The Math Department intends to present an item to the BCC Senate next semester, to take effect in Fall 2015. The action item seeks to raise the minimum passing grade in MTH01 to C-minus and to substitute lower grades with "R" (Repeat). The proposed change is based on campus data indicating that students who receive below C-minus in MTH 01 are unlikely to pass MTH05. As requested by CAS at the October 22nd meeting, Zhe Wang distributed two informational tables, the first showing MTH 05 pass rates in Spring 2014 based on students' prior MTH 01 grades and the second showing MTH 01 grading standards at the other CUNY community colleges. CAS requested that the Math Department provide the language of the proposed resolution as well as an additional semester of data on MTH 05 pass rates for students previously enrolled in MTH 01.

V. New Business

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None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. The first CAS meeting of the Spring 2015 semester is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 2:00 PM in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna
Recording Secretary