

**Committee on Academic Standing**  
**MINUTES for February 11, 2015 (DRAFT)**

PRESENT:

Rasheen Allen, Charmaine Aleong, Nicolas Anuku, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Paula Green, Paul Jaijairam, Jon Katz, Octavio Melendez, Isabel Mirsky, Andrea Ortuño, Stephen Powers, Angel Resto, Sa-Rawla Stoute, Alin Szabo, Zhe Wang. *Guest: Alexander Ott*

The meeting commenced at 2:10 PM.

I. Introductions *Isabel Mirsky*

Andrea Ortuño is attending as the alternate for Anthony Gatto of the Department of Art and Music. Sa-Rawla Stoute is the new representative for Student Affairs. Isabel Mirsky will contact Ted Ingram of the Office of Student Life regarding student representatives not yet designated.

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

The Minutes of the meeting of December 10<sup>th</sup> were distributed and reviewed. The Minutes were approved, 13 in favor, none against, 2 abstaining: Ortuño, Stoute.

III. Subcommittee on Student Appeals *Monique Fortuné*

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing the dispositions of appeals on multiple dates from January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>. In total, 49 Administrative cases were considered of which 41 were granted and eight were denied; 11 Statute of Limitations cases were considered of which eight were granted and three were denied; 85 Dismissal cases were considered of which 84 were granted and one was denied. No CAS action is needed since these appeals were addressed in Executive Session between the Fall and Spring semesters. As of today, new appeals for review include 42 Administrative cases, 18 Statute of Limitations cases, and no Dismissals cases. A sign-up sheet was circulated for appeals subcommittee meetings this semester.

IV. Old Business *Isabel Mirsky*

Math Department Remedial Course Grades: The Math Department intends to present an item to the BCC Senate this spring, 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. Zhe Wang distributed a memo containing the language of the proposed resolution as well as three informational tables. The first table detailed MTH 01 passing grades attained in previous semesters by students enrolled in MTH 05 during Spring 2014. The second table

summarized MTH 05 passing rates from Fall 2012 to Spring 2014 for students with various prior passing MTH 01 grades. The third table showed minimum passing requirements for MTH 01 equivalent courses at other CUNY community colleges.

Since the proposed change will raise the standard for passing MTH 01, Codification Section 8.4.1, which currently states, “The grade of R may not be assigned more than once in a single course,” will need revision. Since this latter revision will also affect remedial ENG and RDL courses, the CAS representatives for the English Department and the Education and Reading Department are asked to apprise their respective departments in case of any objection.

Zhe Wang informed that the Math Department will conduct special workshops this spring for eligible students who have at least 40 credits and have failed MTH 05 multiple times.

V. New Business

*Isabel Mirsky*

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM. The next CAS meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the South Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna  
Recording Secretary