

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

PRESENT:

Charmaine Aleong, Rasheen Allen, Yawo Amegatsey, Nicolas Anuku, Grace Campagna, Monique Fortuné, Anthony Gatto, Paula Green, Paul Jaijairam, Jon Katz, Octavio Melendez, Isabel Mirsky, Stephen Powers, Ahmed Reid, Angel Resto, Sa-Rawla Stoute, Alin Szabo, Cynthia Tobar, Zhe Wang. (Note: Vote tallies vary due to late arrivals.)

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM.

I. Introductions

*Isabel Mirsky*

The new Student Representative attending today is Yawo Amegatsey. Four additional student representatives, as per the Codification section 1.1.2, are still pending.

II. Approval of the Minutes

*Grace Campagna*

Today's attendance does not include a quorum of those present at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. For the meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Ortuno was seated as the alternate for the Art and Music Department though Anthony Gatto also attended. Approval of both sets of Minutes is deferred to a future meeting.

III. Subcommittee on Student Appeals

*Monique Fortuné*

Isabel Mirsky described a request by a student to reverse a Statute of Limitations appeal granted on May 22, 2011. The student wishes to count three credits previously earned with a D grade toward the credits needed to graduate. A motion to restore the student's affected credits was approved, 15 in favor, none against, two abstaining: Amegatsey, Green. (Tobar not yet present.)

Monique Fortuné distributed an informational chart summarizing the recommendations of the March 4<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting. Nineteen Administrative cases were considered of which 14 were granted and five were denied; one Statute of Limitations case was considered and granted; one Dismissal case was considered and granted. A motion to approve the subcommittee recommendation as to Dismissal case was approved unanimously. A motion to approve the subcommittee recommendations as to the 19 Administrative cases and the one Statute case was approved, 16 in favor, none against, one abstaining: Amegatsey.

IV. Old Business

*Isabel Mirsky*

Math Department Remedial Course Grades: The Math Department presented further justification for revising the minimum passing score for MTH 01 to C – and for assigning the “R” grade to students who earn less than C–: When such students enroll in MTH 05, more time is needed to review MTH 01 topics, slowing the pace of all of the students in the class. To support the affected MTH 01 students, the Math Department representative stated that MTH 01 sections will start to require a midterm exam to enable earlier intervention, and that students who earn the R grade will receive dedicated tutoring and/or workshops. CAS members discussed the implications of the proposed measure and also shared feedback from their respective departments.

The proposed new language reads, “There will be no D+, D, and D-- grades allowed in MTH 01. A student needs a class average 70 or higher to pass. The R grade will be given to students who do not pass.” A motion to approve the proposed change did not carry: 12 in favor; two opposing: Anuku, Reid; four abstaining: Amegatsey, Katz, Melendez, Resto. The item may be revisited at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

V. New Business

*Isabel Mirsky*

Course Credits for Additional Degrees: A discrepancy exists between section 11.6.4 of the Codification and the corresponding wording in the College Catalog. Codification section 11.6.4, first sentence, states: “An applicant for a second degree must complete a minimum of fifteen (15) additional credits *for* the second degree” (emphasis added), while the College Catalog describes the additional credits as *required by* the second degree. A motion to change Codification section 11.6.4, to replace the word “for” with the words “required by,” was approved unanimously. The approved item will be presented to the Senate for information.

VI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Campagna  
Recording Secretary