

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York
Committee on Academic Standing
Minutes of May 8, 2019 (South Hall 109)

Present: Nicholas Anuku (Chem), Gregory Cobb (Soc Sci), Laurel Cummins (Mod Lang), Cynthia S. Espinal (CD, non-voting), Teresa Fisher (CommAS), Anthony Gatto (A&M), Paul Jaijairam (Bus), Mehdi Lejmi (Math), Stephen Powers (Edu), Stacia Reader (HPER), Wladyslaw Roczniak (Hist), Alnisa Shabazz (Nurs), Enyuan Shang (Bio), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), James Watson (Library)

Present Alternates: Melissa Coss (Eng) – seated, Kelmin Gutierrez (Student) – seated, Karenlis Hernandez – seated, Norval Overstreet (Student), Anita Rivers (Registrar) – seated, Kaemanje Thomas (Edu), Marjaline Vizcarrondo (Soc Sci)

Guests:

Absent/Excused: Ken Boothe (Student), Stephanie Dorleans (SGA), Eugene Mananga (Eng Phy Tech), Octavio Melendez (Adv, OAA), Sharmila Mukherjee (Eng), Lottine Nkwain (SGA), Miles Sudlow (Student), Karen Thomas (Registrar)

1. **Call to Order:** 2:06 P.M., meeting called to order by S. Powers.
2. **Approval of the April 10, 2019, Minutes:** The April 10th minutes were approved unanimously by the 13 members present who were at that meeting. (*A. Gatto and N. Overstreet arrived after the vote.*)
3. **Student Appeals:** S. Skelt reported the fourteen appeals (3 were statutes) heard by the sub-committee were all approved. The 16 members present voted unanimously to approve these appeals. (*A. Gatto and N. Overstreet arrived after the vote.*)
4. **New Business:** S. Powers reported the newly updated valedictorian/salutatorian procedures worked very well in choosing this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. He reminded members that a sub-committee will meet in the fall to update those procedures with respect to the new P/NC policy.
5. **Report from Senate on 4/17/19 and 5/2/19:** S. Powers updated members on the items he presented to the Senate. The codification clarification of credits attempted language and the First Year Freshman Forgiveness policy both passed on 4/18 while the Honors Program proposal to the codification was passed on 5/2.
6. **Governance and Elections:** S. Powers reminded members that departments will hold elections yet this semester for next year's committees. Returning members as well as new members will need to have a letter confirming their election to CAS sent to S. Powers before the first meeting of the fall semester. S. Powers also noted that Roni Ben-Nunn is working on creating a calendar that will list the meetings times for CIPD, CAS, and the Curriculum Committee.
7. **Graduation:** The 16 members present voted unanimously to grant the Registrar the right to graduate those students eligible for spring and summer 2019 graduation (See 11.4.1 in the Academic Rules and Regulations). (*A. Gatto and N. Overstreet arrived after the vote.*)
8. **New Business:** With assistance from A. Rivers, S. Powers informed members about transcript challenges due to issues within CUNYFirst related to the F replacement policy. Incorrect replacements are happening for BCC students who receive a grade below a C when they retake a class for which they previously received an F. This is due to CUNY four-year

schools having F replacement policies which allow for a C- or D to replace an F (unlike BCC's which requires a C or better) so CUNYFirst is making the change for BCC students, as well. Solutions are being explored. Currently, the only way to resolve this is by manual readjustment by the Registrar. Compounding the issue, these students are often then erroneously listed as in "good academic standing" on CUNYFirst due to the erroneous rise in their GPA. Other issues within CUNYFirst were also noted.

9. **Adjournment:** 2:37 P.M.

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 academic year is scheduled for September 11, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. in South Hall 109. Subsequent meetings (on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month): 9/25, 10/23, 11/13, and 12/11. *As there are no classes on 10/9 and 11/27 is the day before Thanksgiving, no meeting will be held those two days.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts: agenda, list of approved appeals

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING

May 8, 2019 - 2:00 – 4:00

South Hall

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes from 4/10/19** Teresa Fisher

2. **Student Appeals** Shirley Skelt
 - a. Sub-Committee from 4/17/19 & 5/1/19

3. **New Business**
 - a. Valedictorian/Salutatorian process
 - b. P/NC grade policy from last spring for V/S as well
As new issue Alex Ott

4. **Senate for 4/17 and 5/2**
 - a. Honors passed Senate 5/2
 - b. FYFFP passed Senate 4/17
 - c. New language for credits attempted passed senate 4/17
 - d. First presentation of First Year Freshman Forgiveness **NO QUESTIONS**

5. **Governance and elections**