

# BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

of the City University of New York

## Committee on Academic Standing

Minutes of May 13, 2020 (web conference [Cisco Webex])

**Present:** Ama Afful (Student), Rasheen Allen (Bio), Gregory Cobb (Soc Sc), Laurel Cummins (World Lang), Cynthia S. Espinal (CD, non-voting), Teresa Fisher (CommAS), Anthony Gatto (A&M), Janet Heller (HPER), Karenlis Hernandez (Student), Paul Jaijairam (Bus), Noah Jampol (Eng), Mehdi Lejmi (Math), Eugene Mananga (Eng Phy Tech), Octavio Melendez (Adv, OAA), Stephen Powers (Edu), Wladyslaw Roczniak (Hist), Shirley Skelt (Appeals Agent, non-voting), Karen Thomas (Registrar), James Watson (Library)

**Present Alternates:** Ivan Horozov (Math), Anita Rivers (Reg) -- seated, James Simpson (Bus),

Guests: Alexander Ott (OAA)

**Absent/Excused:** Nicholas Anuku (Chem), Cheryl Byrd (Appeals Agent), Elias Dominguez (SGA), Claude McCammon (SGA), Kelsey Rodriguez (Student), Vivien Rodriguez (Nurs)

1. **Call to Order:** 2:05 P.M., meeting called to order by S. Powers. The meeting was recorded.
2. **Approval of the April 22, 2020, minutes:** The minutes from the 4/22/2020 minutes were approved unanimously by the 16 members present who were at that meeting.
3. **Student Appeals:** (attached) S. Skelt presented the appeals report. Eleven appeals were heard, 10 were approved and one was denied. Additional information will be requested for the denied appealed. The appeals were approved with fifteen in favor and two abstentions (*W. Roczniak and A. Afful*).
4. **College Now Grades:** Tabled until Fall 2020.
5. **Revision of minimum 2.0 GPA for online courses proposal:** Tabled until Fall 2020.
6. **CR/NC:** A. Ott updated on the new CR/NC policy established by CUNY during the current pandemic. The "form" is now available for students on CUNYFirst in the Student Center. It is also available for winter courses. The deadline to submit the change by students is 6/25 (students who miss the deadline and want to make the CR/NC change will have to request the change). The four allied health programs are the ones that CR/NC may impact and those students are being encouraged to take the letter grade instead of CR/NC. Those four allied health programs have determined that a course taken this semester unsuccessfully will not be counted as an "attempt" so will not count against the student. Questions were asked and answered. A. Ott noted he is available to answer questions.
7. **Graduation:** Sixteen members present voted to grant the Registrar the right to graduate those students eligible for spring and summer 2020 graduation (See 11.4.1 in the Academic Rules and Regulations). (*Abstention from A. Afful*).
8. **Adjournment:** 2:37 P.M.

The first meeting of the fall semester is scheduled for September 9, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. Additional fall semester meetings are scheduled for September 23, October 28 (not 10/14 as classes follow a Monday schedule), November 11(not 11/25 as classes follow a Friday schedule), and December 9. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa A. Fisher, Recording Secretary

Handouts: agenda, appeals spreadsheet

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING

May 13, 2020 - 2:00 – 3:00  
In a Galaxy Far, Far Away... (WebEx)

### AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes from 4/22/20** Teresa Fisher
  
2. **Student Appeals** Shirley Skelt
  - a. May 6<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Byrd
  
3. **College Now Grades (Tabled to fall 2020)** Steve Powers

Whether to implement the CUNY College Now Grading Scale  
A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, INC, W (student initiated), NC
  
4. **2.0 For Online Classes (Tabled to fall 2020)**

See document on page 2 of agenda
  
5. **CR/NC (Developments)** Alex Ott
  - Students may opt for Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) until June 25<sup>th</sup> to request CR/NC for the spring 2020 semester
  - No student will be dismissed, probation will continue
  - Financial aid implications, all NC grades will not count as attempts
  - The CR grade fulfills all department and program pre-requisites and minimum grades within CUNY, with possible exceptions for licensure/accredited programs\*\*
  - The CR grade will count for the F Replacement Policy for a course
  - Campuses have agencies to apply policy in exceptional circumstance

*\*\*this is still our best interpretation of the policy at this time*

Fall 2020 Dates: Wednesday August 26, classes begin (**actual meeting dates in bold**)

**September 9th**

**September 23rd**

October 14th (no meeting, classes follow a Monday schedule)

**October 28th**

**November 11th**

November 25<sup>th</sup> (no meeting, classes follow a Friday schedule)

**December 9th**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> (no meeting)

Stay safe, stay well, hopefully see you in the fall – for those departments electing new CAS representation please forward these dates to the new representatives.

**Proposed Changes to Academic Policy re Enrollment in Online/Hybrid  
Revised Options  
4/1/20**

**Context:** As several departments that offer hybrid and asynchronous sections reported low enrollment and cancelled sections, a CAS review and possible action was requested. Per conversation at CAS this semester, it is clear that there is departmental opposition to eliminating all GPA minimums for fully online courses. Most departments that offer asynchronous sections reported a desire to retain at least some limitation on enrollment in on-line courses. The proposal seeks to allow proficient new students to register, and those students who are not in good academic standing would have limited registration options.

**Proposed: Eliminate 2.0 minimum GPA requirement for hybrid, allowing all eligible students to register in these sections; retain it for fully online with an exception for proficient new students.**

Proposed: Revise BCC academic policy regarding minimum GPA to take online/hybrid courses by eliminating the GPA requirement for hybrid, retaining the 2.0 minimum for fully online courses only. Allow new students with no GPA who are CUNY proficient in English/math to enroll in fully online.

This proposal would result in the following:

- (1) Hybrid would now be open to all students, including students with GPA <2.0 and first time freshmen/transfers, who have no GPA, and
- (2) fully online would remain closed to students with GPA <2.0 and first-time freshmen/transfers, who have no GPA unless they are found CUNY proficient in English and math. The proposed new language also makes the appeal option explicit.

Current Codification:	Proposed Revised Codification:
<p><i>8.2.7 Distance Learning Courses</i></p> <p><i>a. Students registering in online (<del>hybrid, blended, or asynchronous</del>) courses must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.</i></p>	<p><i>8.2.7 Distance Learning Courses</i></p> <p><i>a. Students registering in <u>fully</u> online courses must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. <u>New students with no GPA may register for fully online if they are CUNY proficient in English and math. Exceptions to this policy are allowed upon appeal to academic department chair or designee.</u></i></p>

**Effective Semester: Spring 2020?**

Rationale: Remote learning is increasingly common in higher education, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote learning modalities (hybrid and fully online) allow BCC students, many of whom have extensive work and family commitments, to pursue their education with more schedule flexibility. This revised policy will improve access opportunities for BCC students, including new students who have demonstrated no developmental need. Additionally, it moves BCC closer to the most common policy in CUNY community colleges: no GPA minimums for online/hybrid (only one peer in CUNY has minimum GPA requirements for hybrid/online). Making the appeal option explicit is important because students who wish to enroll in a fully online course should be aware that such an appeal is possible.

**CAS SUB-COMMITTEE ACADEMIC APPEALS REPORT- MAY 6 2020**

#	EMPLID ID#	Appeal Course	Grade	Semester
1	23652482	Freshman Forgiveness		
		MTH 23	F	FALL 2019
		POR 111	F	FALL 2019
2	23966398	Freshman Forgiveness		
		BIO 23	F	FALL 2019
		COMM 11	WU	FALL 2019
		ENG 111	F	FALL 2019
		FYS 11	F	FALL 2019
3	23658839	Administrative		
		FYS 11	WU	FALL 2017
		PSY 11	WU	SPRING 2018
4	23625846	Freshman Forgiveness		
		MTH 23	F	FALL 2019
5	23873411	Freshman Forgiveness		
		ENG 111	F	FALL 2019
6	23672150	Freshman Forgiveness		
		ENG 110	F	FALL 2019
7	23928661	Freshman Forgiveness		
		BIO 11	F	FALL 2019
		MTH 06	F	FALL 2019
		SOC 11	WU	FALL 2019
8	23749821	Freshman Forgiveness		
		EDU 12	WU	FALL 2019
		HIS 10	WU	FALL 2019
9	13040008	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS		
		CMS 11	F	SPRING 1992
10	23920471	Freshman Forgiveness		
		MTH 23	F	FALL 2019

**DENIED**

#	EMPLID ID#	Appeal Course	Grade	Semester
1	23115898	Administrative		
		ENG 110	WU	SPRING 2014