BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of the City University of New York

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING
Minutes of the Meeting of April 3, 1974
Language Hall Conference Room 23 - 2:15 pm

PRESENT
Faculty Representatives
Mr. H. Erdsneker, Executive Secretary; Dean D. Bullard, Chairperson,
Dean Hemo; Professor Baum, Chiswick, Cooper, Cosentino, Gamson,
Hayde, Hill, Horowitz, Lalli, Linn, Nagel, Ritterman, Sakbani,
Slone, Sondheim (alt), Tucker (alt), Wahlin, Whelan

Student Representatives

Wesley C. Evans

I
MINUTES
MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 20 as presented
CARRIED: Unanimously

II
COMMUNICATIONS
A Letters from Mr. William Dumas, Coordinator of Veteran Affairs,
requesting to be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled
meeting of the Committee.

B Letter from Prof. Doris Bluth, as representative from the
Secretarial Studies Dep't, to be placed upon the agenda for
the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

C Copies of the Reinstatement report to Spring 1974 and the
Admissions report for Spring 1974 were distributed to the
Committee.

D Letter to Mr. William Cameron, from the Executive Secretary
advising him of the proper procedures for appealing an academic
grade of F which he received in MTH05-6711, Basic Concepts of
Math 1, Fall 1972.

E Letter to Mr. William Cameron from the Executive Secretary
advising him of the proper procedures for appealing an academic
grade of F which he received in MTH 05-2709, Basic Concepts
of Math 1, Spring 1972.

F Letter to Ms. Valerie Leqakis, from the Executive Secretary
advising her of the proper procedures for appealing an academic
grade of B which she received in CMS12-4537, Public and Group
Communications, Fall 1973.

G Letter to Ms. Diana Rodriguez, from the Executive Secretary
advising her of the proper procedures for appealing an academic
grade of D which she received in Art21-3273, Intro to Drawing
and Painting 1, Fall 1973.
III  STUDENT APPEALS

The minutes of the Sub-Committee on Student Appeals meetings of March 20, 1974 and March 27, 1974 were considered and actions taken as follows:

Correction: Add Prof. Hayde's name to Sub-Committee minutes of March 20, 1974.

Altonmarie, Mary
Appeal: Reinstat as Matric adjust "J/H" to 15
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

McKaiden, Ronald
Appeal: Change grade of "F" to "J" in Coc 11, Fall 1973, Student totally withdrew from College on 12/7/73
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Miller, Frederick
Appeal: Reinstat as Matric and adjust "J/H" bank to 7
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Montanez, Ivette
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Acevedo, Carmen
Appeal: Reinstat as Matric adjust "J/H" bank to 13. Change grade of "F" in ENG 13 to "J" Fall of 1972. Student totally withdrew from College in Fall 1972.
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Brown, Dorothy
Appeal: Extend to May 28, 1974 deadline to change grade of "K" in SPN 11, Summer 1971 to "J" Student entered hospital for surgery in July 1971 and has not returned to College since.
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Correa, Rafael
Appeal: Reinstat as Matric.
Recommendation: Deny Appeal
Motion: Not to sustain recommendation of Sub-Committee
Action: Grant Appeal 15-0-1

Davis, William
Appeal: Extend to May 28, 1974 deadline to resolve grade of "K" in BIO 11 Spring 1973 and grade of "K" in CHM 02, Spring 1973
Recommendation: Deny Appeal - recommend student reapply after Spring 1974 grades are recorded.
Chevarria, Roland
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric
Recommendation: Deny appeal, recommend student reapply after Spring 1974 grades are recorded.

Flore, Anthony
Appeal: 1) Extend to May 28, 1974 the deadline to resolve grade of "L" in PHL 11, Spring 1973; and "K" in ENG 51 and PHY 01, Fall 1973.
2) Reinstatement as Matric.
Recommendation: 1) Grant Appeal
2) Deny #2 of Appeal until part #1 of appeal has been resolved.

Fox, Roberta
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric
Recommendation: Deny Appeal.

Gallagher, Pat
Appeal: Remove grade of "F" in HIS 21, Fall 1971
Recommendation: Deny Appeal (Not within codification of CAS to remove academic grades not within statute of limitations).

Haas, Deena
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric
Recommendation: Deny Appeal - recommend student reapply after Spring 1974 grades are recorded.

Langer, Gabe
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric
Recommendation: Deny Appeal

MOTION: Not to sustain recommendation of Sub-Committee
ACTION: Grant Appeal - Adjust "J/H" bank to 10 and extend deadline to resolve grade of "K" to May 27, 1974: 12-1-5

Matos, Grimaldi
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Pabon, Louis
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric
Recommendation: Deny Appeal - recommend that student enroll as Non-Matric in limited program and reappeal after one semester.

Pagon, Milton
Appeal: Reinstatement as Matric and adjust "J/H" bank to 15
Recommendation: Grant Appeal

Pillsbury, Susan
Appeal: Extend to May 28, 1974 deadline to resolve grade of "K" in PSY 31 and PSY 41 both taken in Fall 1972.
Recommendation: Grant Appeal
Ruiz, Pedro

Appeal:

1) extend to May 28, 1974 deadline to resolve grade of "K" in MTH 06, Fall 1973.

2) Roll back "J/H" bank to 4

Recommendation:

1) Grant Appeal

2) Grant Appeal

The recommendation of the Sub-Committee were unanimously accepted except as indicated by vote indicated above.

IV

OLD BUSINESS

A. Prof. John Hayde requested that as a point of personal privilege and of clarification the following statement be recorded into the minutes of the Committee:

I feel that it is necessary to make this statement and have it recorded in the minutes of the Committee because of something that has transpired since our last meeting. The subject of my statement relates to the granting of a posthumous degree to Mr. Richard Mayer.

I have been a member of this Committee for over nine years and as far as I am aware in that period of time the question or procedure of granting a degree posthumously has never arisen. I think I express the sentiment of the Committee when I say that we, as a Committee, were not certain how to proceed on the matter when the representative of the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Technologies suggested that the degree be granted. Question arose as to suitability and type of degree to be awarded regular academic appropriate to the curriculum in which the student was enrolled or honorary. I suggested that the regular degree was more significant and if possible we should move in this direction. Our authority to act on this matter was debated and I requested that it might be wise to perform a graduation checkout on the student to determine if it might not be possible through a combination of waivers to grant the student a regular degree at commencement time, I therefore suggested that to move on the matter before looking into the correct procedure was unwise. At the time I made these suggestions I was well aware of the deep involvement of certain members of the department of Electrical and Mechanical Technologies with regard to this student and empathized with their feelings and with the concept of granting the degree. My only fear was that if we were to grant the degree without having assurance of our authority to act in the matter, a situation might develop that would be more painful to all concerned. If the degree was found to be illegal and our actions reversed at a later time, we would have done more harm than good and caused more, not less pain to the parents of Mr. Richard Mayer.

I thought that I made myself clear on this point when it was originally discussed, but I apparently failed to convey
this motivation for my actions and statements. I know this to be the case because it has been called to my attention in a manner which I would prefer not to reveal. I was described as leading single-handedly a movement to oppose the granting of any degree to this student. Nothing was further from the truth and it disturbs me greatly that this interpretation was placed on my actions.

I do not know what the ultimate resolution of this subject will be. Taking into consideration what has developed I will not attempt to guide the action of the Committee. My sympathies have been and still are with the student's parents and I still feel that if there is anything that the committee can do toward a degree- honorary or standard -- I would certainly support it.

B. It was emphatically restated by the Committee that question of granting a degree posthumously to Richard Mayer came to the Committee as a humanitarian gesture to his parents.

MOTION: The Committee on Academic Standing supports the above statement made by Prof. John Hayde as the record of the proceedings of the Committee at its last meeting.

ACTION: Approved 15-0-0, Prof. Hayde not voting.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Mr. Erdsneker reported that the Sub-Committee on the codification is continuing to meet.

B. Secretarial Studies Department request use of the "Gr" grade in the same manner in which the former "L" grade had been approved for use by that Department.

C. Department of Music and Art request that a grade of "O" be required to permit any student to register for the next higher sequential course.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT
The next meeting of the CAS will be held on April 17, 1974 at 2:15 p.m. in Language Hall Room 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Prof. A. N. Gamson
Acting Secretary