Minutes of the Meeting of October 26, 1983
South Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 2 p.m.

Faculty and Administration Representatives


Student Representatives

Present: Mr. W. Frazier and Ms. J. Freeman

Guest

Professor A. Wolk

Excused Absences:

Professors D. LaBlanc and P. Read

I. MINUTES

A. The Minutes of September 28, 1983, were approved with the following revisions:

1. Change Items II A. and II B. to read "Secretary casts one vote."

2. Delete the word "Motion" from Item IV B. 2.
   a. The question of the "NC" grade was to be discussed in subcommittee.

3. Include under IV C.1. the name of the members who volunteered to serve in the Subcommittee on Grading Symbols:
   Professor R. Barnette  Mr. H. Erdaneker
   Professor J. O'Sullivan  Ms. R. Tobin
   Ms. J. Freeman
   a. Motion: To approve the minutes of September 28, 1983, as corrected:
      Action: 13-0-3

B. The Minutes of October 12, 1983, were approved with the following revisions:

1. Show that the minutes of June 9, 1983, were not approved on October 12, 1983.
   a. The chair had requested that the minutes be re-checked for verification of the number of doubtful cases awarded degrees at the Graduation Meeting of June 9, 1983.
   b. Motion: To approve the minutes of June 9, 1983, as written:
      Action: 11-0-5
   c. Motion: To approve the minutes of October 12, 1983, as corrected:
      Action: 13-0-3
II. COMMUNICATION

A. Letters from the Executive Secretary to students regarding procedures for appealing grades:

1. To: Antonia Honore  
   Re: Grade of "C+" in PEA 11-2009, Spring 1983
2. To: Mary Ingegnari  
   Re: Grade of "D+" in NUR 38-2956, Spring 1983
3. To: Marvis Kilburn  
   Re: Grade of "F" in NUR 38-2950, Spring 1983

III. STUDENT APPEALS

A. Minutes of the Subcommittee on Student Appeals of October 19, 1983,  
   (Appended to these minutes).

1. Motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee with  
   the exception of two students, Nos. 981-1598 and 980-1964:
   Action: 16-0-0
2. Student No. 981-1598  
   Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the Subcommittee:
   Action: 17-0-0
3. Student No. 980-1964  
   Motion: To sustain the recommendation of the Subcommittee:
   Action: 17-0-0

B. Professor Barnett announced the date of the next Subcommittee.

1. Wednesday, November 2, 1983, at 2 p.m. in Loew Hall, Room 317.

IV. CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, AUGUST 1983

A. Motion: To permit the Registrar to approve, in the name of the Committee on  
   Academic Standing, the award of degrees to those students who have  
   outstanding Library and Business Office obligations at this time but  
   which are subsequently satisfied, as certified by the Librarian or  
   Business Officer--the names of these students to be reported to the  
   Committee on Academic Standing:
   Action: 16-0-1

B. Motion: To award the A.A., A.A.S., or A.S. degrees as applicable to those  
   candidates for graduation who have completed all the requirements  
   in their respective curricula, including an Index of 2.00 or higher:
   Action: 17-0-0

V. SPECIAL ACTIONS ON CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, AUGUST 1983

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report from the Subcommittee on Grading Symbols

Professor J. O'Sullivan discussed the discrepancies in definitions of the grades on "NC" and "R" as they appear in the Codification of Academic Regulations, March, 1983, and the letter of August 8, 1983, from Barry Kaufman of the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis, CUNY.

1. According to the uniform grading symbols distributed by the Chancellor's Office in March, 1983, these grades are defined as such:

   a. "NC" and "R" grades represent non-punitive failures indicating unsatisfactory completion of a course. The "R" grade is restricted to non-credit remedial courses and developmental courses. The "NC" grade is restricted to regular and compensatory courses.

   1. Neither of these grades is to be counted in the quality points index nor are they to be used in lieu of incomplete or withdrawal grades.

2. In view of the above definition, BCC will have to use the grade of "W" for total semester withdrawal instead of the current "NC" grade.

3. The Subcommittee finds the expression "non-punitive failures" ambiguous and at odds with present BCC practice.

   a. Although the "NC" and "R" grades do not reduce the Grade Point Average they do push the students receiving these grades into a restrictive higher credit band which affects negatively their rate of progress.

4. The CAS Committee recommended that the Subcommittee review the implications of the new definitions and submit its specific recommendations in writing in an effort to bring BCC's grading regulations into line with CUNY's uniform system.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dean's List Requirements

1. Dr. A. Wolk proposed modifications of the guidelines established in Item 3, "Dean's List and Awards" in The Codification of Academic Regulations, March, 1983.

   a. Motion: To table further discussion until the change to the cumulative credit band is traced to the Committee's 1977 decision.

B. Minimum "C" Grade in Major Area

1. Discussion of this matter was postponed to the next meeting.
VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT
A. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 1983, at 2 p.m.
B. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank B. Stabile
Recording Secretary, pro tem