

Academic Standing Committee

Minutes of the meeting on April 15th, 2019

Present: Alexandra Rojas (Chair/Library), Erika Correa (ACE), LaVora Desvigne (Admissions), Rochelle Isaac (Academic Affairs), Lee Boyar (Business & Technology), LuAnn Butironi (Counseling), Tara Coleman (English-Alternate), Michele de Goeas-Malone (ELA), Andrew McFarlane (Humanities - Alternate), Sunaina Singh (Natural Sciences-Alternate), Rebio Diaz Cardona (Social Science), Derwent Dawkins (Registrar), Martina Mazalova (Student Senator)

Excused: Vera Albrecht (Humanities), Janet Gonzalez (Natural Sciences), Lilla Toke (English), Judy Ashton (Health Science)

I. Previous Minutes Approved

The meeting began at 2:45pm, and the minutes from the December 3rd, 2018 & March 18th, 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved with a few minor changes.

II. Hybrid/Online Policy Update

Discussion regarding this policy was tabled until the next meeting. The committee will gather documents regarding the policy to share via email to review during the next meeting.

III. Academic Appeals Sub-Committee Meetings

The ASC is in agreement with the Academic Appeals Sub-Committee to separate, and the ASC is waiting for the Senate to approve.

The Academic Standing Appeals Committee met on March 25, 2019

In attendance:

Vera Albrecht (Humanities), Faith Armstrong (Health Sciences), Nana Osei Bonsu (MEC), Jacqueline Brashears (Natural Sciences), Maureen Drennan (Humanities), Jazmine Freire (Health Sciences), Stafford Gregoire (English), Camila Gelpi (Social Sciences), Marsha Opresa (Academic Affairs), Derek Stadler (Library), Margaret O'Sullivan (Registrar), Allyson Santiago (Registrar), Paul Zimmermann (ELA)

(April 8 was canceled)

The Academic Standing Appeals Committee met on April 29, 2019

In attendance:

Vera Albrecht (Humanities), Faith Armstrong (Health Sciences), Nana Osei Bonsu (MEC), Jacqueline Brashears (Natural Sciences), Maureen Drennan (Humanities), Jazmine Freire (Health Sciences), Stafford Gregoire (English), Camila Gelpi (Social Sciences), Ana Mora (Counseling/Wellness) Derek Stadler (Library), Margaret O'Sullivan (Registrar), Allyson Santiago (Registrar), Jessica Zeichner-Saca (Academic Affairs), Paula Zimmermann (ELA)

(May 13 was canceled)

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IV. Senate Meeting Updates

- The April 10th Senate Meeting was attended by Alexandra Rojas, ASC Chair. The Senate wanted a report of the ASC Committee activities.
- James Grantham was present at the Senate meeting and he provided information on the new Emergency Response Guide. Meeting attendees raised the concern that this information should be made more accessible to students. The ASC committee was asked if they knew about the Emergency Response Guide – the majority replied they did not know about it. The ASC committee members discussed that there should be some mention of the Emergency Response Guide in the syllabus or to have professors at least mention where the emergency exits are located at the beginning of the first class; however, all agreed more consideration should be taken on how and when to communicate what should be done in the event of an emergency. The committee agreed to invite James Grantham to the next ASC committee meeting to address general concerns that were raised during the meeting.
- Credit for Life Experience was discussed at the Senate meeting. It was mentioned that the college should issue credit for life experience to students. A question was raised if this was any different from “Credit for Prior Learning” – which has always been a student service at the college that was managed by Professors Janice M. Karlen and Susan M. Sanchirico. Alexandra Rojas will confirm for the committee who the contacts for the Credit for Life Experience are.

V. Web Page

The Academic Standing Committee web page is done. Janet Gonzalez or Glenn Henshaw will be asked to share the sites link with the college community.

VI. C Grade Policy

The ASC Committee is seeking additional information on the practice of allowing students to retake courses in which a letter grade of a “C” is earned. The goal is to bring the policy (that is stated in the course catalog) to practice. The committee is waiting for the Senate to follow up with the committee as to whether they want us to make changes.

VII. Other topics

- a) Registrar is piloting new scheduling software that will assist students with creating their course schedules. Rollout is expected by next spring 2020.
- b) The following question was raised: Are students admitted to LaGuardia with degrees required to participate in First Year Seminar? The answer provided: The course will show up as a requirement, but it can be waived.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM. The next meeting of the ACS will take place on May 20th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika M. Correa,
ACE Representative