

Academic Standing Committee

Minutes of the meeting on April 6th, 2020

Present: Alexandra Rojas (Chair), Excused (Business and Technology), Michele De Goeas-malone (Alternate for ELA), Caterina Almendral (ELA), Lilla Tőke (English), Vera Albrecht (Humanities), Janet Gonzalez (Natural Sciences), Erika Correa (ACE), LaVora Desvigne (Admissions), Judy Ashton (Health Science), Rochell Isaac (Academic Affairs), Louise Butironi (Student Wellness), Excused (MEC), Derwent Dawkins (Registrar) Kyle Hollar-Gregory (Social Sciences), Hande Erkan (Student Rep)

The meeting started at 2:35pm via Zoom and ended at 4:30pm

1. Introductions for new ASC faculty member Kyle Hollar-Gregory and the new Student Rep Hande Erkan
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3. Guest speaker Loretta Capuano, Director of the Student Information Center
4. Review of previous minutes will be done in next meeting, Date to be announced.

New Business

Lorretta Capuano is proposing a revision to the non-degree admission and registration policy. Eight or nine years ago the college changed its policy for non-degree students from an unrestricted policy to a very restricted policy.

This proposed change in policy is

1. tied to the change in the college admission policy requiring less student placement testing
2. and the fact that non-degree students can help a class achieve enrollment targets if they register early enough helping keep the class open.

The proposal would revert our current policy to the previous policy thereby keeping in line with our sister community colleges and private institutions. The new proposal would simplify process so that non-degree students would only be required to provide proof of high school graduation or proof of an earned GED. “Non-degree students are seeking opportunities for course exposure and it is the mission of LaGCC to provide an education for all.”

Non-degree students are considered “at leisure”

This will not change

Non-degree students are not held to pre or co-requisites

This will only change if the student changes from non-degree to degree seeking status. As a degree student they will be treated as transfer students subject to pre and co requisites as any degree seeking student. Pre and co requisites can be waived subject to Chair/Program Director approval which is then implemented by the registrar.

Non-degree students pay an application fee of \$65 only if they successfully register for a class

This will not change

Do all students pay an application fee?

Non-degree students pay higher tuition rates and are not eligible for financial aid

This will not change

Non-degree students register 3-5 days before the start of the semester

This window will change to 1 week before the start of the semester; later than the degree cohort and after the zero-credit cohort. The window will be determined by the registrar and the admissions director.

Non-degree students have the option to drop/withdraw from classes, attend tutoring and everything that degree students have access to but they are not subject to mandatory advisement

This will not change

Non-degree students are not allowed to register for classes that are subject to restrictions such as, nursing classes, field work and internships.

This will not change

There were about 80 non-degree students registered for Spring I 2020.

Academic Standing Committee (ASC) will present these changes to the Senate and Loretta Capuano will be present to answer any questions that the Senate may have. If the Senate approves before the catalog changes take place the policy can be “softly” implemented in Fall 2020 semester.

ASC voted unanimously for the policy change. The next Senate meeting is May 6th, 2020.

Continuing Business

1. There should be a new distance learning/online attendance form for the Summer session
2. Students planning to take the credit/no credit option must talk to an adviser and their program director before making any decision.
3. Student Wellness Center is conducting tele-counseling for ongoing cases using WebEx. New inquiries are set up via tele-consultations and then referred. The Wellness center is planning online Wellness classes.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Gonzalez