

LaGuardia Community College

Academic Standing Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2021

2:30-4:00pm (Zoom)

Present: Janet Gonzalez (Chair), Alexandra Rojas (Library), Lee Boyar (Business and Technology), Caterina Almendral (ELA), Lilla Tőke (English), LaVora Desvigne (Admissions), Kyle Hollar-Gregory (Social Science), Amish Khalfan (Academic Affairs), Andrew McFarland (Humanities), Louise Butironi (Counselling), Derwent Dawkins (Registrar), Annette Gonzalez (SGA Representative on ASC), Erika Correa (ACE)

The meeting ensued at 2:38pm.

1. **Invited Guest Dionne Miller**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, joined the meeting to discuss revising the college's Repeat Policy.

She began by explaining that there is not a proposed change to the "F" Repeat Policy as it is a CUNY's policy. The proposed change would affect the current D- to C- grade Repeat Policy. She explained that faculty and students have been contacting her appealing to override the current repeat policy. Provost Miller sees merit in these claims but feels the need to be consistent. She wants fairness and equity in the policy and wants to remove individual preferences from the consideration. She wants to change the policy, so it does not depend on exceptions and departments. The department chairs have been consulted and their input is currently under review. Committee member raised the following questions and concerns: when do would the new policy to go into effect and would it be retroactive for any student population? How many courses should be allowed to repeat? Derwent Dawkins mentioned that currently repeated grades do not transfer because they show up as attempted credits. Instead, the initial grade transfers under the new automated transfer system. He also confirmed that it is possible to change the registrar's system so it would be in line with the repeat policy. Louise Butironi clarified that all grades show up on the transcripts, so programs could check for the repeat grade. Lilla Tőke raised the question is the revision would allow repeating a C or above. Provost Miller stated her proposed change would allow students to repeat courses with a grade C or above as well. She promised to address the committee's questions and send a draft of the policy to the committee for consideration. The committee agreed that the college should have a repeat policy that is fair and supportive of students.

2. **Invited Guest Charis Victory**, Interim Associate Director of Student Engagement and Persistence ASAP Programs. Charis will inform us on the procedure to fill representative and alternate positions on our committee. See attachment current ASC members and alternates.

The chair of Committee on Committees, Charis Victory, introduced herself and explained that the Committee on Committees is not fully functioning and will take charge filling vacant position on all senate (?) committees. They will ensure balance in representation and the process will be as follows: the committees will send them their rules and vacancies and the Committee

on Committees will reach out to recruit faculty and staff and will also decide who will be on which committees. They will be marketing the various committees and they will work with the committee chair to create a pipeline of people ready to fill needs. Janet Gonzalez will send her a list of what the committee needs and will also share the meeting minutes with her. The Committee on Committees will take charge of outreach to make people aware of the new process as well as available positions.

3. Approving the minutes.

After a few comments the committee approved the minutes from the meeting on February 23, 2021.

4. NC Policy.

Caterina Almendral asked for clarifications about NC policy in the Spring II sessions. Committee members confirmed that Spring II will have the same NC policy as Spring I, and the committee will update the policy document to include the opt-in window for Spring II.

5. Why does LaGuardia not have an A+ grading option?

Caterina Almendral brought up the issue of the college not having the grade A+ and asked whether the college should have such a grade. After some discussion committee members agreed to research this option and revisit the issue at the next committee meeting.

<https://ww2.hunter.cuny.edu/students/academic-planning/degree-requirements/construct-an-academic-plan/gpa-calculator/grading-scale/>

<https://www.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/page-assets/about/administration/offices/registrar/resources/CUNY-Uniform-Grade-Glossary-and-Guidelines-08012018-1.pdf>

6. Announcements

- a. Minute Taker on 4/19/21 is Kyle Hollar-Gregory. He also stated that the Social Science Department had discussed the repeat course policies and there seemed to be some confusion. Committee members suggested to perhaps start working on a FAQ part to the committee's website.
- b. Andrew McFarland mentioned that department members in Humanities raised questions about how NC policy affects attempted credits and financial aid. The committee is still not clear about the answer and the chair is looking into these matters. Once there is an answer the committee will be notified so they could share it with their respective departments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilla Tóke