

Academic Standing Committee Meeting Minutes for 11/14/22

Meeting commenced: 2:33 pm

Meeting adjourned: 4:48 pm

**In Attendance:** Lilla Toke English (Chair), Ana Mora Counseling, Glenn Henshaw Mathematics, Derwent Dawkins Registrar, Erika Correa ACE, Vera Albrecht Chair of Humanities Department and Academic Appeals Committee, Andrew McFarland Humanities, Caterina Almendral ELA, Janet Gonzalez Natural Science, Alexandra Rojas Library

**Excused:** Renne Daniels, Nicole Lytle, Donna Siergie-Munsey

**Guests:** Dean Dionne Miller, Provost Billie Gastic Rosado

**1. Discussion of Exemption Credit Policy:**

Dean Miller discussed the need for an amendment to the current exemption credit policy to include high school students who are currently enrolled in the Early College Initiative.

As written, it excludes awarding credits to non-matriculated students. This affects students enrolled in the Early College Initiative.

**The Committee recommended** that the current policy be modified to state:

“Exemption credit from any credit-bearing course offered at LaGuardia may be granted on the basis of an examination or a project equivalent to the final requirement of the course.

Equivalencies are determined by the faculty of the appropriate academic department and must be approved by the chairperson. Exemption credit may not include credit for prior coursework, which falls under transfer credit. Exemption credit must be earned at LaGuardia, either through examination, project, or portfolio review.

The maximum number of exemption credits that can be counted towards LaGuardia’s 30-credit residency requirement for a degree is 10. A maximum of 6 exemption credits may be applied toward the residency requirement for a certificate. **Note: Exemption credits are only awarded to degree students and students enrolled in the Early College Initiative.**

**2. Discussion of Attendance Policy:**

The College administration tasked the committee to investigate and make a recommendation to the senate about whether **to keep** this policy, modify it, or remove it altogether.

Provost Billie Gastic Rosado further explained that The IT department is working on a new infrastructure at the College. The new structure will not support the current web attendance program. This program is specific to the College and buying a new program would be very costly. The provost requested that the Committee review the current attendance policy about whether to keep this policy, modify it, or remove it altogether. The current research suggests that about 50 percent of faculty submit attendance records.

**Committee Recommendations:**

The committee will seek clarity on how modifications made to the current language in the Catalog and the loss of an attendance tracking system will affect international students, student who receive financial aid, and or public assistance.

It was also suggested that the College needs more information regarding why there has been a drop in the usage of web attendance and submission of class rosters. It is the understanding of the Committee that this was a requirement and not an option.

Much of the data provided included pandemic years which might not be a reflection on true use of web attendance.

Also, it might also be a function on communication to new and part time faculty.

The Committee agreed to bring the discussion to their respective academic department meetings.

It was suggested that perhaps the Committee provide a few examples of how CUNY colleges modified their policies to be less punitive in nature.

3. **Other business: Update:** The vice president of Student Government was appointed to serve in the Academic Standing Committee.
4. **The September 2022 meeting minutes were approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Ana Mora