

Minutes for the Jan. 29, 2024 meeting of the Academic Standing Committee

Attendees: Lilla Toke (Chair, English), Caterina Almendral (ELA), Sandra Ribeiro (Health Sciences), Renee Daniels (Admissions), Allyson Santiago (Registrar), Dionne Miller (Academic Affairs), Ana Mora (Wellness Center), Andrew McFarland (Humanities), Janet Gonzalez (Natural Sciences), Erika Correa (ACE), Alexandra Rojas (Library), Michael Napolitano (Business), Lakshmi Iswara Chandra Vidyasagar (MEC).

Guests from Online Learning Committee: Joshua Tan (Natural Sciences), Loretta Capuano (Student Information Center)

Minute-Taker: Andrew McFarland (Humanities) – Summarized with the aid of ChatGPT 3.5

Summary:

The meeting began with the introduction and welcome of a new committee member, Sandra Ribeiro, representing Health Sciences. The meeting progressed with the approval of minutes from the December 2023 meeting. The discussion then shifted to a potential change in policies related to withdrawal dates and grading. The committee learned about a proposed motion to reverse certain policies, including making the "WU" grade punitive. The committee then discussed information regarding online learning policies with representatives from the Online Learning Committee (OLC). In this discussion, participants addressed the need for a clear and official college policy regarding online learning. The committee suggested that having a standardized policy is more effective than allowing individual instructors to vary in their approach. They highlighted the importance of considering the type of device students use for online courses and emphasized that relying solely on a phone may not be sufficient. There was an update on the academic integrity and student behavioral working group, noting that not much progress was made in the last meeting due to the holiday season, and the education subcommittee is working on updates, contingent on other committees finalizing flow charts and procedural matters. The group is scheduled to meet again in February to discuss specifics and progress. The meeting concluded with the election of the interim chair for the upcoming Spring I 2024 semester, Caterina Almendral (ELA).

Action Items:

- Approval of ASC minutes from Dec. 4, 2023, *Approved*
- Vote for Interim-Chair of ASC, Caterina Almendral, *Approved*