

Academic Standing Committee Meeting

October 21, 2024

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Caterina Almendral (ELA, Chair), Lilla Toke (English), Lakshmi Iswara Chandra Vidyasagar (MEC), Erika Correa (ACE), Kyle Hollar-Gregory (Social Sciences), Allyson Santiago (Registrar), Dionne Miller (Academic Affairs), Renee Daniels (Admissions), Janet Gonzalez (Natural Sciences), Sandra Ribeiro (Health Sciences), Andrew McFarland (Humanities), Jasmine Edwards (Community Health and Wellness Department), John Jara Morales (SGA)

Excused: Alexandra Rojas (Library), Michael Napolitano (Business), Ana Mora (Wellness Center)

1. Welcome New Representatives

The committee welcomed two new members: Jasmine Edwards from Community Health and Wellness Department and John Jara Morales from the Student Government Association.

2. September Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed and unanimously approved the September 2024 meeting minutes.

3. Department Presentation Feedback

Committee members reported back on their departmental presentations about the Academic Standing Committee's work. The presentations generally focused on sharing the committee's website and current initiatives. Key themes that emerged from department feedback included: concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) in academics, questions about the academic integrity violation reporting process, and interest in policy updates. Committee members noted the distinction between policy matters (which fall under their purview) and pedagogical concerns (which do not). Additional feedback reportedly touched on catalog updates, camera policies for online courses, and the impact of no longer having a student Ombuds position. The committee plans to address academic integrity matters further, with upcoming Senate discussions and potential collaboration with the Academic Integrity Committee.

4. Outreach - New Faculty Colloquium

The Chair shared updates related to committee members attending the New Faculty seminar on November 18th.

5. Meet and Greet Logistics

The committee finalized plans for a November 18th (2:30-3:30 PM) meet and greet event, opting for HyFlex format to accommodate both in-person and online participants. Members

considered a venue and started the booking process. Members opted for an informal Q&A approach over formal presentations, planning to incorporate snacks for in-person attendees as well as digital resources like QR codes. An initial save the date and then a flyer will go out to the larger college community within a couple of weeks.

The committee decided to create an RSVP/Google form to gauge attendance, collect advance questions, and determine participation format preferences. Moving beyond academic departments, the committee decided to expand their target audience to include advisors, pre-college office staff, and other administrative personnel. To enhance engagement, the event will start with a brief introduction followed by interactive elements such as policy trivia (using Kahoot). Committee members volunteered for various responsibilities including creating the invitation and the Kahoot game, bringing prizes and snacks. The committee will convene on November 11th at 2:30PM for a brief check in to make sure that all elements of the event plan are in place.

6. Student Concerns

The student representative raised concerns related to the Wellness Center and students' request for more therapy sessions. While committee members clarified that this issue is not under the purview of the committee, they made suggestions about who to contact and how to proceed with these concerns.

7. Academic Integrity Committee & Academic Integrity Policy

The committee discussed the need to revise LaGuardia's academic integrity policy to include AI, and emphasized the importance of aligning it with CUNY's recently updated guidelines. Members agreed to invite to their December or January meeting Tameka Battle, Chief Academic Integrity Officer and VP of Academic Affairs, Alexis McLean to facilitate this process and to gather their feedback and suggestions. Members agreed on the need to provide a clear policy framework that allows faculty to develop individual course policies on academic integrity while maintaining a cohesive institutional approach.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilla Toke