

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Committee on Course & Standing

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday December 15th, 2015

The Committee on Course and Standing met on Tuesday December 15th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room # A 104.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Dr. Nina Sarkar, Chair.

Dr. Rose-Marie Aikas, Social Science, Prof. Gina Capozzoli, Counseling, Dr. George Fragopoulos, English Department, Dr. Jun Shin, Chemistry, Dr. Jilani Warsi, Academic Literacy Professor Lorraine Cupelli, Nursing Department, Liaison to CCS.

Excused:

Dr. Daniel Armstrong, Health Physical Education & Dance, Dr. Hayes Mauro, Art and Design and Dr. Andrew Nguyen, Biology

Administration Representatives:

Ms. Florence Farrat, Associate Registrar.
Ms. Meera Chowdhry, Committee Secretary

Discussion:

The Committee met to review the Retroactive/Late Withdrawal appeals.

Prof. Lorraine Cupelli who represented the Nursing Department brought forward a proposal which the Department would like to implement after considering the viability and the implication. A 'C' grade is considered a failing grade for Nursing students however, certain courses are over nine credits and if repeated both courses get averaged thus bringing student's GPA substantially low. It also weakens the probabilities for the students to get into the bachelorette and/or dual joint programs. The Nursing Department has been contemplating as to how they could feasibly help the students.

According to Prof. Cupelli, the matter was already discussed with Provost Marchese and the possibility of policy going into effect with allowing students to a one time forgiveness of the grade. The initial discussion of the matter prompted varied suggestions from the Committee Members. Since the prevailing blanket policy allows all students with a grade of 'D' to be forgiven, any students records with a 'C' would have to be manually adjusted which could have implication on non-nursing students who also may would like to take advantage. Also if a student is no longer a nursing student it may not be a fair policy for non-nursing students.

In the light of the above, it was suggested by Dr. Jun Shin that Nursing students may be assigned a 'D' grade instead of a 'C' which could then be covered under the prevailing blanket policy. Prof. Lorraine had her reservations about students questioning a 'D' grade if they worked better. It was then suggested by Dr. Warsi to let that be a Departmental dialogue with the students explaining that a 'D' is a better grade for them which could be forgiven.

Also discussed the possibility of allowing students to withdraw from the course at a later date (after the deadline). A 'W' grade could disrupt some student's Financial Aid. Dr. Fragopoulos was of the contention that considering all this the students should strive for a better grade in the first place.

The Chairperson of Nursing, Prof. Menendez and Provost Marchese will join the next CCS meeting to resolve the issue.

	Total Appeals	Approved	Denied	Conditional Approval	No Jurisdiction
<i>Late Withdrawal</i>	46	25	21	0	0
<i>Retroactive Withdrawals</i>	67	25	35	5	1

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. to review the continued probation appeals.