

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Committee on Course & Standing

Minutes for the meeting held on January 16th, 2014

The Committee on Course and Standing met on January 16th, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Room # A 502 D

Those in attendance were as follows:

Dr. Steven Dahlke, Chair.

Dr. Rose-Marie Aikas, Social Science, Prof. Georgina Colalillo, Nursing, Dr. Andrew Nguyen, Biology, Dr. Nina Sarkar, Business, Dr. Jannette Urciuoli, Counseling, Dr. Haishen Yao, Mathematic & Computer Science, Dr. Kathy Wentrack, Art and Photography,

Excused:

Dr. Jilani Warsi, Basic Skills,

Administration Representatives:

Ms. Florence Farrat, Associate Registrar

Ms. Meera Chowdhry, Committee Secretary

Discussion:

The Committee met to review the Dismissed students' transcripts, to determine if some students could be retained for the Spring 2014 semester.

The Committee in the past has automatically granted continued probation to the students with a GPA of 1.8 and above. The matter was discussed with Provost Reiner and Dean Karen Steele, Provost Reiner concurred to the above as also agree that the students who have a GPA of less than 1.0 should be dismissed without reviewing them in the meeting.

Dr. Jannette Urciuoli showed her concern for the students who were dismissed after the Fall semester. Students do not have enough time to appeal. Even if they do appeal and are re-instated, they lose the course(s) they were registered for prior their dismissal. The Committee was informed by the Committee Secretary, that it was the College policy to drop all courses for students who are dismissed. In case, they are re-instated, they must register for the courses that are available. Also the College does not have a policy of reserving courses and/or keeping a wait-list.

It was also informed by the Associate Registrar, Ms. Florence Farrat, that in CUNYFirst, even though the programs for probation/dismissals are run on a timely basis, the results must be checked for accuracy, as we have had problems in the past. This can also delay the process of informing students in a timely fashion.

Keeping in view of the above, it was suggested by Ms. Farrat, that we should consider dismissing students without reviewing the transcripts so students would have added time at their disposal to appeal. During the initial transition into CUNYFirst because of programing issues during a

Fall/Spring dismissal of students the committee chose to follow this process. It seemed to be effective and gave students more time to appeal.

Another reason, the Committee feels, that reviewing and retaining the students is not effective because in most cases when students are dismissed, they do not show interest in returning to QCC. However, if they are dismissed and they appeal for a Continued Probation, they not only are keen to return and do better, they also explain their reasoning for performing poorly. Once the Committee is aware of their situation, they are better guided to see the counselors and /or advisors to change their major or seek academic assistance where required.

In the light of all the above, a proposal was started by Dr. Nina Sarkar and then was unanimously voted for eliminating the process of reviewing the transcripts after the dismissals. All students must be dismissed and then should be allowed to appeal for a Continued Probation. A proposal should now be forwarded to the Academic Senate so this could be implemented, if deemed appropriate.

Dr. Dahlke, the Chair informed the Committee Members about the new letters that are being sent to students informing them about their Academic Standing at QCC. The changes in the letters were incorporated by Provost Reiner, Dean Karen Steele and VP Hartigan. The new letters are more informative about student options and also the repercussion of their Academic Standing on other aspects of their academic career e.g. loss of Financial Aid. This should motivate the students to do better.

Dr. Urciuoli showed her concern about students not accessing their tiger mail. Dr. Nina Sarkar informed the members of her policy of continuing to pursue the use of tiger mail by sending important information like test dates through tiger mail. Ms. Farrat also suggested that students should be asked to forward their tiger mail to their other e-mail ID so they are certain to get all important information from the College.

	Total Appeals	Continued Probation	Dismissed
Dismissed	450	86	364