

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Committee on Course & Standing

Minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday January 19th, 2016

The Committee on Course and Standing met on Tuesday **January 19th, 2016** 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, Dr. Daniel Armstrong, Health Physical Education & Dance, Prof. Gina Capozzoli, Counseling, Dr. George Fragopoulos, English Department, Dr. Hayes Mauro, Art and Design Dr. Andrew Nguyen, Biology Dr. Jun Shin, Chemistry, Dr. Jilani Warsi, Academic Literacy Professor Lorraine Cupelli, Nursing Department, Liaison to CCS.

Administration Representatives:

Provost Marchese, Prof. Menendez, Chair Nursing Department, Ms. Ann S. Tullio, Registrar.

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

Discussion:

The Committee met to review the Dismissal/Retroactive withdrawal appeals.

Since the time lapse between end of Fall semester and the Spring semester is short, the process of reviewing Continued Probation appeals is ongoing. The Committee decided the deadline to review these appeal as the 26th of January, 2016.

During the meeting Provost Marchese, Chairperson Menendez, Nursing and Registrar Ms. Ann. S. Tullio were invited to discuss the proposal of a grade forgiveness policy for nursing students. Clinical courses which are 7-9 credits are considered failing if a student earns a C-. Getting a failing grade for a 7/9 credit course carries great weight in the GPA and hurts these student's greatly. A GPA lower than 3.0 has kept students from transferring to a 4 year school and obtaining a necessary BSN degree. About 30% of our students repeat these courses and within the current regulation a grade of C- is averaged into the GPA which impacts it significantly.

It has been observed in the past that our students have a disadvantage over the students attending other CUNY colleges and our dual joint program partners' colleges. QCC Nursing students need a higher GPA to advance into the BSN portion of these programs. It is now imperative to complete the baccalaureate program for national licensing. The Chair of Nursing Department was proud to inform the members present that QCC students perform well above State/National averages, including NYU, Columbia and other Long Island Nursing Colleges.

The Registrar, Ms. Tullio suggested that nursing students should be assigned 'NC' (no credit) grades instead of C- which will not include in the grade point average. Dr. Mauro showed his concern as to what the role of Committee on Course & Standing would be in this change and/or this would add more responsibility to the Committee. The Committee would not have any added responsibility for this new regulation once voted on and approved since the Nursing Department would notify the Registrar's Office to change the grade to an NC in case where students deserve it. It was discussed and clarified during the meeting that only C- grades would be considered for forgiveness and not D or a WU.

A proposal will be submitted by the Nursing Department that will be supported by the Academic Affairs Office for the committee members to vote upon. The Committee would review and vote during February 19th, 2016 meeting.

	Total Appeals	Approved	Denied	Conditional Approval	No Jurisdiction
<i>Continued Probation</i>	56	43	13	0	0
<i>Retroactive Withdrawals</i>	80	48	28	3	1

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. to review the retroactive withdrawals.