

**Academic Standards Committee
Minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting**

Attendees: L. Anderson, E. Frechette, T. Latella, H. Nguyen, L. Sveda, J. Zupkus (chair)

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM

Minutes of the previous meeting of Dec. 3, 2014

A motion was made by E. Frechette to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by T. Latella. Motion passed unanimously.

Hien Nguyen, a new member representing the STEM division, was welcomed.

Old Business

- J. Zupkus made a recommendation concerning the structure of the committee's membership; this was sent to Dean Rios-Knauf per her request.
- Still pending: a second member from the Business Division.
- Still pending: alternates for Academic Division Director and CAPSS members.
- Still pending: Student Government representative. J. Zupkus will contact Karen Blake.
- Discussion regarding whether Academic Standards falls only under the purview of the Academic Dean, and the related topics of membership from the Non-credit Life-long Learning division (L. Zupkus will contact Laurie Hornbecker) and whether the membership currently filled by L. Sveda (who is at the Danbury Campus twice weekly, so her membership could also serve to more adequately represent that campus) should be continued, and if so, added to the recommendation made to Dean Rios-Knauf. Discussions tabled pending response from Dean Rios-Knauf.

New Business

T. Latella raised the issue of the C minus grade. Other community colleges in the system accept a C minus grade for credit for incoming transfers but NVCC does not. L. Anderson stated that many Allied Health programs require a grade of C or better to pass. T. Latella will research BOR colleges' policies and contact Joan Arbusto. Subtopics arose concerning

- how the acceptability of a C minus as a passing grade affects articulation
- what are other methods besides SAT and Accuplacer test results, of determining remedial need

Motion to adjourn made by L. Frechette, seconded by L. Sveda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Next Meeting TBA

Respectfully submitted, L. Frechette February 6, 2014