

Academic Standards Committee Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2015, 3pm

Attending: Lisa A, Peter A, Liz F, Michael H, Terry L, Hien N, Kathy P, Elma S, Wade T, Janet Z

Old Business

Minimum Grade for Transfer (Discussion: BOR policy is that NVCC is in violation the norm, which seems to be C-minus for other colleges in Connecticut except for Norwalk. However, a C-minus may not satisfy NVCC prerequisites so the paradox is that there would be a kind of credit counted twice when a transferable course has to be repeated to continue the next course here. [Question: what courses here require a C or better as a prerequisite?]. Can we flag courses that have different criteria for passing? Action: table this topic until Joan Arbusto is here.)

New Business

Motion to pass previous minutes passed. (Discussion: Cross out Charlotte Cyr from the alternative list. Action: all approved)

Dean to present on grade change issues (Dean absent)

Change of grade language in syllabus (Discussion: Math department disagrees about need to change it; but one issue is that too many faculty using change of grade instead of the "I" grade. Nursing department is exception because of different needs. Should the language be also changed in student handbook or just in our syllabi? What would be a good reason for the dean to not sign a change of grade form?). Should we develop a guide for the faculty and division directors?)

Year-end report (Discussion: Edit "pending items" syllabus language to read, "develop more specific guidelines." Action: accepted)

Meeting time next year (Discussion: our new a schedules may conflict. Action: contact the chair if there's a schedule conflict)

Topics for next year (Discussion: Discuss "opt out" issues for remedial classes. Advise to re-take the placement test for math and English only.

Move to adjourn (Passed 3:45pm).

Submitted by: W. Tarzia