

Academic Standards Committee

Year End Report: September 2014 – May 2015

May 5, 2014

To: President DeFilippis, Dean Rios-Knauf

From: Academic Standards Committee

I would like to thank the members of the Academic Standards Committee for their work during this academic year. Members of the committee were involved in extensive research.

Summary of the Committee's work

1. The committee membership was restructured to provide greater faculty input on issues. The membership now includes two faculty representatives from each academic division as well as members from the Registrar's office and a new student representative. The Academic Standards committee and CEAC committee now have similar structures.
2. A webpage for the committee was created on the NVCC website, under the College Advisory System tab, that contains the committee membership, by-laws, meeting dates, minutes, and year end reports. An NVCC employee must log in to access the webpage. This repository for minutes and reports improves communication about the committee with the NVCC community and provides an easy reference to previous topics addressed and resolved by the committee.

Pending Items

1. The committee is reviewing the published BOT policy of transfer credits for students achieving a C-in a course from the system community colleges and state universities. All four state universities and ten community colleges accept transfer credits associated with a C- . Transfer credit does not affect a student's GPA, as only credit transfers, not grades. Currently NVCC does not accept credit for a course with a C- , because when the course serves as a pre-requisite, the student must have a grade of a C to satisfy the prerequisite requirement at NVCC. The committee is continuing its investigation on how the other colleges are handling this issue.
2. The committee is in the process of possibly developing more specific guidelines for change of grade situations. The Academic Dean's office asked the committee to explore this issue due to the volume of changes processed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Zupkus, Chair