**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING**September 9, 2020 - 2:00 – 4:00

In a Galaxy Far, Far Away… (Zoom)

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to order by Registrar** Karen Thomas or
   1. Nomination and election of a Chair Anita Rivers
   2. Nominations and election of Recording Secretary
2. **Approval of Minutes from 5/13/20**  Teresa Fisher
3. **Student Appeals** 
   1. All summer LongCheryl Byrd
   2. Update on Digital Appeal Process
   3. Thanks to Teresa Fisher, Paul Jaijairam, Gregory Cobb

and Cheryl Byrd, and Anita Rivers, for a summer of firsts

1. **College Now Grades (see below)**

Whether to implement the CUNY College Now Grading Scale Steve Powers

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, INC, W (student initiated), NC

1. **PLA Policy from CUNY** Alex Ott

<https://www.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/page-assets/about/trustees/meetings-of-the-board/CAPPRAgenda060820.pdf>

Fall 2020 Dates: **(actual meeting dates in bold)**

**September 23rd**

October 14th (no meeting, classes follow a Monday schedule)

**October 28th**

**November 11th**

November 25th (no meeting, classes follow a Friday schedule)

**December 9th**

December 23rd (no meeting)

Very Tentative Spring Dates

February 10, 2021

February 24, 2021

March 10, 2021

March 24, 2021

April 14, 2021

April 28, 2021

May 12, 2021

COLLEGENOW Grading Schema – Proposed

Information Item: Grading Options for CollegeNow Courses

* Beginning Summer 2020: BCC CollegeNow grade shall be limited to the following: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, and NC.
* Retroactive application of policy: The BCC Registrar may convert CollegeNow grades other than A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, and C to a grade of NC.
* NC grades assigned for CollegeNow students do not count toward the Freshman Forgiveness policy.

Rationale:

University policy indicates that “All college‐credit coursework earned through College Now will count towards students’

academic standing (i.e. GPA) if they matriculate into a degree program at the same CUNY college from where they participated in College Now” (5/6/15 Memorandum; Interim EVC/Provost Wrigley). This policy is beneficial to most students who complete courses through CollegeNow and matriculate at that same college. However, when students earn an F, WU, D, D+, and C- grade in a College Now course and then matriculate at the same college, this negatively affects their academic standing and financial aid eligibility.

CollegeNow courses are designed to give high school students an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. They are not designed to disadvantage high school students. In a sense, they are analogous to AP courses/exams, which allow the student an opportunity to earn college credit (e.g., if the student earns at least a score of 3, roughly equivalent to a C grade). AP exams with a score of 2 or 1 do not negatively impact a student’s GPA, academic standing, or financial aid eligibility.

Per discussion with University CollegeNow Director, Ljubica Depovic, other CUNY campuses have implemented a number of solutions to this problem. Some campuses run a Registrar process that converts all CollegeNow grades of C- or lower to an “NC” after the grades are posted. Others, including LaGuardia and Queensborough, limit the grades a CollegeNow faculty member can assign, as we propose to do at BCC. In fact, CUNY First already has a CollegeNow designated grade scheme that reflects this proposal.