**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING**March 8, 2023: 2:00 – 4:00

Loew Hall 200

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to order**  Steve Powers
2. **Approval of Minutes from 2/22/2023**  Teresa Fisher
3. **Appeals Report** Cheryl Byrd
4. **Changes to the Codification, due to Changes in Remediation** Octavio Melendez

See attachment Alexander Ott

Teresa Fisher

1. **Changes to NUR Minimum Grade (NUR 100/101)** Vivian Rodriguez

**From a C+ to a C** (see attachment)

1. **Appeals Section of the Codification** Steve Powers

**4.5.3. Waiver of Academic Dismissal**

1. A student may appeal to the Academic Appeals Agent or his/her designee for a waiver under the following circumstances:
   * 1. The student has on his/her record FIN or FAB grades for which the student has been granted extensions to finish.
     2. The student has on his/her record F grades that could be repeated and removed under the F grade policy.

In these cases, the Academic Appeals Agent or designee must determine whether removing or repeating the grades would sufficiently raise the GPA to make the student's graduation possible.

1. In two additional circumstances, a student may appeal to the Committee on Academic Standing (or the Executive Committee of the CAS if the CAS is not in session) for a waiver of dismissal. The student must communicate his or her appeal through the Academic Appeals Agent.
2. The student has on his or her record WU grades that could be changed to W grades, and the conversion of these WU grades to W grades would move the student off dismissal. The student must present legal and/or official documentation to support the appeal. This pertains to WU grades prior to fall 2021 only.
3. The student provides legal and/or official documentation of extenuating circumstances and has a record that shows it is feasible for that student to move off probation within twelve academic credits. This is demonstrated through an academic plan created by an advisor which is submitted with the appeal and the supporting documentation

For each of these circumstances, CAS will vote on the appeal. A student may be given a waiver of academic dismissal by providing supporting documentation.

1. A student readmitted under these circumstances is limited to a program of seven academic and/or equated credits and must maintain a semester GPA of 2.0 or greater.

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## **Statute of limitations**

g. The appeal must be entertained by the CAS prior to the graduation meeting of the CAS. It must be initiated no later than the semester in which the student would be eligible to graduate, were the appeal to be granted. The student must complete the required form, submit a personal statement which includes the requested grade substitutions, and a student copy of the transcript.

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### **8.7.6 First Year Freshman Forgiveness Policy (Effective for courses offered in Fall 2019 and subsequent semesters only.)** *Note, there are no changes here other than the ones on the preceding document*

1. Per the CUNY Uniform Grade Glossary, “A college may choose to offer a First Year Freshman Forgiveness policy. If the student passes the course, they will receive the grade earned which will carry the designated GPA. If the student fails the course, the grade will be administratively converted to NC and have no impact on the GPA. This policy is limited to first year freshman as defined by the college.” BCC adopts this policy with the following restrictions and clarifications:
2. For the purpose of this policy, BCC defines a first-year freshman as a student that is within their first two matriculated semesters at the college-level
3. A limit of 12 forgiveness credits may be applied within that first year
4. A grade of F or FIN can be converted to an NC as per CUNY guidelines. WUs between fall 2019-summer 2021 may also be considered.
5. The student must request this administrative conversion in writing to the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS) via the standard grade appeal form. This request must be accompanied by an academic plan prepared by an advisor or faculty member. If the appeal is approved, it is forwarded to the Registrar’s Office for changes to the student’s permanent record.

Students who are forgiven less than 12 credits, can use the limit of 6 P/NC credits to a maximum total of 12 credits.

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### 4.3.5 CUNY Board of Trustee F Grade Policy NOTE: This is an ‘automated’ process in CUNYFIRST

1. When an undergraduate student earns an academic grade of F/FIN or, for semesters prior to fall 2021, an administrative grade equivalent to an F (WU, WF or FAB) and that student subsequently retakes that course and receives a grade of "C" or better, the initial grade will no longer be computed into the Grade Point Average subject to the following provisions:
2. The failing grade must have been earned after September 1, 1984.
3. The course must have been repeated after September 1, 1990.
4. The maximum number of failing credits that can be deleted from the Grade Point Average shall be limited to 16 for the duration of the student's undergraduate enrollment in institutions of the City University of New York.
5. The "F," "WU," "WF," "FIN," or "FAB" grade will remain on the transcript but will not be calculated in the GPA. There will be a notation next to the grade that indicates this.
6. For the student who earns a grade of "C" or better in a course taken at BCC, the original failing grade must also have been earned at BCC. The repeated course must also be taken at BCC.

**Spring 2023 remaining meeting dates:**

March 22, 2023 (last meeting for new business)

April 12, 2023 – Spring Recess, no meeting

April 26, 2023

May 10, 2023

**AI.1 Changes to AAS Nursing program minimum grades are proposed for the BCC Academic Rules and Regulations**

Revision: Change minimum grade needed for NUR 100 and 101 from a C+ to a C for the first course attempt.

| ***From:*** | ***To:*** |
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| 8.2.1 Nursing – minimum acceptable grade  1. Progression Requirements    1. PHM 10, BIO 23, BIO 24 and BIO 28 must be taken within seven (7) years of the clinical sequence.    2. All nursing (NUR) courses required for graduation must be passed with ~~a grade of “C+” or better~~ within five years of entry into the clinical sequence.    3. Students must obtain a grade of C or better in supporting BIO courses (BIO 24, BIO 28). Students may repeat BIO 24 and BIO 28 once to attain a grade of C or better.    4. ~~The following courses must be passed with a grade of “C+” or better: NUR 100, NUR 101, NUR 201, NUR 301, NUR 401, and NUR 402.~~ A student may repeat, on a space-available basis, one of these courses a maximum of one time in order to earn ~~a “C+” or better~~. Note that withdrawal grades of W and WU count as an attempt in NUR courses.    5. ~~When a student receives a grade of “C”, “C-“,“D+”, “D”, “D-“, “F”, “WU” or “FIN” in NUR 100, NUR 101, NUR 201, NUR 301, NUR 401, or NUR 402 and repeats the course and earns a grade of “C+” or better, the first grade will be converted to an “NC” ("No Credit"). This policy may only be applied once.~~    6. ~~When a student receives a grade of “C”, “C-“,“D+”, “D”, “D-“, “F”, “WU” or “FIN” in NUR 100, NUR 201, NUR 301, NUR 401, or NUR 402 and repeats the course and earns a grade of “C+” or better, the first grade will be converted to an “NC” ("No Credit"). This policy may only be applied once.~~ | 8.2.1 Nursing – minimum acceptable grade  1. Progression Requirements    1. PHM 10, BIO 23, BIO 24 and BIO 28 must be taken within seven (7) years of the clinical sequence.    2. All nursing (NUR) courses required for graduation must be passed with the required grade within five years of entry into the clinical sequence.    3. Students must obtain a grade of C or better in supporting BIO courses (BIO 24, BIO 28). Students may repeat BIO 24 and BIO 28 once to attain a grade of C or better.    4. Students must obtain a grade of “C” or better in NUR 100 and NUR 101. *(Note: the C minimum grade is applicable to students beginning the Nursing clinical program in Fall 2023 or later.)* Students repeating NUR 100/101 must earn a grade of C+ or better on the second attempt.   Students must obtain a grade of C+ or better in NUR 201, NUR 301, NUR 401, and NUR 402.  A student may repeat, on a space-available basis, one of the NUR courses a maximum of one time in order to earn the required grade. Note that withdrawal grades of W and WU count as an attempt in NUR courses.   * 1. When a student receives a grade of “C-“,“D+”, “D”, “D-“, “F”, or “FIN” in NUR 100 or NUR 101 and repeats the course and earns a grade of “C+” or better, the first grade will be converted to an “NC” ("No Credit"). When a student receives a grade of “C”, “C-“,“D+”, “D”, “D-“, “F”, or “FIN” in NUR 201, NUR 301, NUR 401, or NUR 402 and repeats the course and earns a grade of “C+” or better, the first grade will be converted to an “NC” ("No Credit"). This NC conversion policy may only be applied once. |

Effective: Fall 2023

Rationale: The first two courses in the nursing sequence, NUR 100 and 101, are uniquely challenging for many students. These courses, often taken together in the initial nursing semester, require students to immerse themselves in the nursing field for the first time. The scheduling and related demands of the courses also require students to restructure their lives outside BCC in order to dedicate the necessary time to these courses. Many students struggle with this change, even though they could be successful in the program and ultimately successful nurses. Changing the minimum grade for these courses is an acknowledgment of this dynamic and will give more students the chance to be successful. Requiring a minimum grade of C or better has a precedent at BCC (prior to 2015), and at peer colleges in CUNY (e.g., City Tech, Kingsborough, LaGuardia, BMCC)