

Borough of Manhattan Community College The City University of New York Academic Standing Committee

Minutes March 3rd, 2020 Via Zoom

- I. Call to order: 2:07 pm
- II. Attendance: A quorum was achieved. All committee members were present, except Josiah A. Ramesar
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes of February 3rd, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. Chair's reports: Ongoing discussion with the registrar office, Counseling Center, and the IT department in regard to the implementation of the newly designed appeals system.
- V. Consideration of Open Issues:

The committee received two guests: Dean Christopher Shults of the Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning and Dr. Neda Hajizadeh from the Counseling Center.

Dean Christopher Shults answered questions on many issues committee members had on

- volume of appeals supposedly to be higher compared the small number of appeals received.
- Number of students appealing for title IV, Academic dismissal, and change of grade.
- Who goes on probation and how it is determined compared to previous academic years, especially before COVID-19?
- How many students were successful after they were granted appeals?

Dean Christopher Shults provided answers to many of the questions, and for the ones that needed data, he promised to gladly accept another invitation to come before the committee.

The committee agreed to extend another invitation to him for the remaining of questions and for the data sought.

Dr. Neda Hajizadeh presented the newly design appeals system and answered committee members' questions on the effectiveness of the system, the implication of the registrar office, its users' friendly approach to students appealing, members of the committee, counselors, the registrar office, and specifically the Chair of the appeals committee.

From the presentation and questions answered, it appeared that the registrar office is no longer implicated in the process leaving a string of burden on the chair of the committee.

The committee, after discussions, decided to adopt the motion to accept the newly designed appeals system provided that the registrar office remains part of the process.

VI. Old Business

VII. Adjournment: 3:23 pm