

Minutes for the Tuesday February 28th 2017 meeting of the NYCCT College Council
Atrium Amphitheater – AG30 – 12:45pm to 2:00pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The December 6 minutes were approved without objection.

III. Chair's Report

The chair reminded the body of upcoming elections in the fall for At-Large delegates and delegates to the independent committees of Council. He urged members to let colleagues know about opportunities to serve faculty governance.

Chair presented two version of the Mission Statement for consideration of the body. One statement was drafted and approved by the Personnel Committee and the other was brought forward by the Chair from the Strategic Planning Committee. (see attached) A motion was made and passed to place the Mission Statement drafted by the Strategic Planning Committee before the body for its consideration:

New York City College of Technology is a baccalaureate and associate degree-granting institution committed to providing broad access to high quality technological and professional education for a diverse urban population. City Tech's distinctive emphasis on applied skills and place-based learning built upon a vibrant general education foundation equips students with both problem-solving skills and an understanding of the social contexts of technology that make its graduates competitive. A multi-disciplinary approach and creative collaboration are hallmarks of the academic programs. As a community, City Tech nurtures an atmosphere of inclusion, respect, and open-mindedness in which all members can flourish.

The statement was approved with 69 in favor, 6 against, 12 abstain, 2 blank.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Curriculum Committee:** (Minor and Major proposals can be found on the Curriculum Committee website, <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/collegecouncil/current-proposals/>)

Minor Proposals announced by Committee Chair Randall Hannum:

- 16D Deactivation of AAS in Gerontology
- 16E Minor Change to CST 2403

Major Proposals presented by Committee Chair Hannum for consideration:

- 16-07 New Course SPA 2202P – Spanish for Health Professionals
- 16-08 New Course EMT 2410 C/C++ Programming for Embedded Systems
- 16-11 Architectural Technology Curriculum Modification
- 16-02 HEA 3507 Trauma Informed Practice

Questions were raised regarding the efficacy of some of the therapy practices included in the course outline of proposal 16-02. After a spirited debate, a motion was made and approved to move the question. All four major course proposals passed with a Perez majority: **16-07, 85 in favor, 1 against, 3 abstain; 16-08, 86 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstain; 16-1, 87 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstain; 16-02, 72 in favor, 3 against, 12 abstain, 2 blank.**

B. Students Committee report was given by Chair Ruth Garcia: Resolution regarding Repeating Courses.

The Chair presented for consideration the following addition to the college catalogue policy regarding students who wish to repeat courses:

*Note: Although approval is not guaranteed, if, for an extenuating reason, a student needs to repeat a course in which they received a grade of “C” or better, a waiver of this policy is required. For this waiver a student needs written permission from the chairperson of his/her major department or his/her designee. If the course is not offered by their major department, approval by the chairperson of the department offering the course is also required.

Objections were made to a friendly amendment to remove the coding chart from the course catalogue page where the policy will appear. (**see attached**) After debate, a motion to call the question was made and approved. The addition to the college catalogue passed with 72 in favor, 3 against, 12 abstains, 2 blank.

C. Personnel Committee report was given by Chair Neil Katz: Resolution concerning Student Evaluation.

The Chair presented the following resolution approved by the Personnel Committee:

The evaluation shall be done over a period that will include the penultimate class of every course to be evaluated.

Due to time constraints debate for the resolution was cut short. The resolution received a majority of the members present with 48 in favor, 6 against, 17 abstain, 18 blank. However, the resolution did not receive a Perez majority of the entire body.

V. Good and Welfare

VI. Adjournment

Submitted by Peter Catapano, Secretary, March 21, 2017

The Personnel Committee put forward the following amended college mission statement:

New York City College of Technology, a comprehensive college in the City University of New York (CUNY), is committed to CUNY's mission. The College is committed to providing broad access to high quality technological and professional education for its diverse population of students. Emphasis on understanding of technology, applied skills, and problem-solving abilities, built upon a general education foundation that includes an appreciation for the aesthetic dimension of life and work, make our graduates competitive in the 21st century economy. We strive for an atmosphere of inclusion, respect, and open-mindedness in which all members of our community can flourish.

CUNY Repeat Policy with Bullet Point 2-7: Committee on Students

Following CUNY policy, when an undergraduate student receives the grade of “D,” “F” or an administrative failing grade and the student subsequently retakes the same course at the same college and receives a grade of “C” or better, the initial grade will no longer be computed into the cumulative grade point average. However, the initial grade will remain on the transcript. The number of credits that can be deleted from the grade point average under this policy shall be limited to 16 for the duration of the student’s undergraduate enrollment in institutions of The City University of New York. It is the responsibility of the student to petition the registrar if the student does not wish the failing grade to be deleted from the cumulative grade point average. The chart on the following page lists a detailed explanation of the repeat codes

Repeat Code	Description
Average	Average, Exclude credits and include GPA
Excluded	Excluded from credits and GPA
Included	Include credits and GPA
Repeat	Repeat with permission. For students that are repeating a course that they earned a grade of “C” or better.
REXC	Exceeded the 16 credit limit. Excluded from credits and GPA

The F/D policy does not supersede the policy on repeating courses, which follows:

You may repeat only those courses in which you received a grade of “D,” “F,” “WA,” “WF” or “WU” regardless of the requirements of your curriculum. You may not repeat a credit-bearing course within the major more than once without written permission from the chairperson of your major department or her or his designee. If the course is not offered by your major department, approval by the chairperson of the department offering the course is also required. You may not repeat courses which are a prerequisite to or the equivalent of a prerequisite to more advanced work you have completed (e.g., if you have taken CHEM 1210, you may not repeat for credit CHEM 1110). Similarly, after successfully completing a course that has prerequisites, you will not receive credit for a course that is comparable to the prerequisite you have already successfully completed or for which you have received a waiver. Students are strongly advised to consult with the Financial Aid Office in advance about the effect of repeating a course(s) on eligibility for financial assistance. Repetition of a course in which the student has received a passing grade will not count toward full-time status for financial aid purposes unless a grade higher than that previously received is explicitly required in that specific course for progression in the student’s curriculum

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