

Committee on Students Minutes, Virtual Meeting February 1, 2022

Present: Andleeb Zameer, Katherine Gregory, Michel Hodge, Sunghoon Jang, Tanya Goetz, Dean Carol Sonnenblick, Nandi Prince, Kwesi Samuels

Absent: Ngosi Okonkwo (student rep), Abigail Thomas (student rep)

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:50PM.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 23rd, 2021 meeting were approved.

III. **CUNY-wide Grade Policy Changes**

The committee was asked to review the proposed changes in the document <https://www.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/page-assets/about/administration/offices/registrar/resources/CUNY-Uniform-Grade-Glossary-Policies-and-Guidelines-05222021-1.pdf>.

The discussion points and suggested action items to the CUNY-wide grade change policy:

- a. The current length of time at City Tech for students to rectify an incomplete is reasonable and should remain in effect. Extending the time granted to students may not be the best way to support students' overall academic goals because students are inclined to forget the coursework. There was concern voiced about students compiling too many incompletes if the period extends over multiple semesters.
- b. The length of time for students to file appeals should be more than thirty days to allow for the summer and winter break absences when faculty may not be available to respond to grievances.
- c. Grade appeals committee should hear disputes and render final decisions. Recommendations to the faculty stop short and it refers the conflict raised by the student back to the faculty who designated the disputed grade.
- d. The WU should remain an option because it gives the student an opportunity to rejoin when they are ready to move forward and it does not negatively impact their GPA. It has been the faculty experience that students receiving a WU stop attending very early on but failed to file the appropriate paperwork.

IV. Student Bereavement Policy

Bereavement guidelines were drafted to give students the same accommodations afforded to faculty and staff. It will be presented to the council to be voted on. It was suggested that the guidelines should reside on the Office of Students Services webpage.

V. Old Business

It was mentioned that the passing no credit resolution that we voted on is being reviewed by the curriculum committee.

VI. Student Input

No students were in attendance.

VII. Good and Welfare

None reported.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Draft minutes submitted by Nandi Prince