

Community College *of* Philadelphia

1700 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

**Student Affairs Standing Committee
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2013
3:30 p.m.**

Committee Members Present:

Administrative Appointees

- Larry Arrington
- David Greene

- Ellie Cunningham
- Jaime Gusrang
- Joel Tannenbaum

Student Appointees

- Cindy Ngo

Federation Appointees

Alternates and Delegates Present:

Administrative Appointees

- Nikki Sarpolis

Faculty Appointees

- None

Student Appointees

- None

Guests Present: Osvil Acosta-Morales, David Watters

I. Call to Order – 3:56 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – 1-23-13

The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

a. Student Code of Conduct Introduction

The group will discuss at the next meeting.

IV. New Business

a. Academic Integrity Policy

Guest Osvil Acosta-Morales spoke to the group about a draft of updates to the cheating, integrity and plagiarism policies in the Student Code of Conduct. He represented a workgroup of faculty and administrative members assembled by Dr. Judy Gay.

Currently, Judicial Affairs hears academic integrity and student code cases. Under these new proposed changes, a separate and different judicial group would hear these cases.

Proposed changes:

Article I: Definitions – delete terms cheating and plagiarism

Article III, Section 3: Conduct – Academic Standards – delete and replace with new section titled “Conduct – Academic Integrity.”

Article III, Section 3, the Rights and Responsibilities and Violations of Academic Integrity already exist as official Policies and Procedures – this fact should be indicated in the Student Code of Conduct.

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A member of the group asked if terms such as “Internet” or “online” would be added as an example of a violation. Some think leaving this in general terms is best.

The proposed Academic Authority section mirrors the established procedure found in the Judicial Authority (Article II) section of the Code.

The Judicial Affairs Officer is the Dean of Students. In the new text, the Academic Integrity Officer would be designated by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, with agreement by the Judicial Affairs Officer. Academic Integrity Officer would probably be the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. These definition represent a and b of the Academic Authority section; it was recommended to combine a and b for better understanding.

The proposed Appeal section mirrors the grade appeal procedure; there is also an informal and formal process.

“Restitution” was deleted as one of the sanctions under the proposed Academic Integrity copy.

Under Sanctions – Discretionary Sanctions – what could that be? Member reports that some schools have tutorials about cheating and plagiarism.

Faculty would still retain the ability to determine a grade for a student, no matter what a informal or formal process finds. Some departments have their own procedures. The Academic Integrity Officer can impose a sanction, and a faculty member can follow their own departmental policies. Group members were not sure that the possibility of two sanctions would be fair. The group would like to discuss this further; Osvil would be happy to attend another meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.