

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA

**Institution-Wide Committee
Regular Meeting
Monday January 28, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Isadore A. Shrager Boardroom**

DRAFT MINUTES

Presiding: Pascal (Pat) Scoles
Present: Administration: Judy Gay, Sharon Thompson, Samuel Hirsch, Jane Grosset (alternate voting at this meeting)
Faculty Federation: Charles Herbert (alternate voting at this meeting), Bridget McFadden, Pascal (Pat) Scoles
SGA: Michael Akoto-Bamfo, Anna Hargrove, Mary Anderson

Guests: Todd Jones, Bettsey McCoubrey, Sandra Gonzalez-Torres

The meeting was called to order by Pat Scoles.

Minutes of November 26, 2007

Motion: Accept the minutes of November 26, 2007 (Hirsch/Herbert)
Vote: Ten in favor
Action: Motion approved.

Rationale for Change in the Time Amnesty Policy

Todd Jones reviewed the proposal including the recent history that brought attention to this issue: A student asked to see the policy that required students to complete six credits before using time amnesty. Originally there was no College requirement, but in the 1990s the practice became to require completion of six credits. Because there was no policy with this requirement, Judy Gay said that the practice could not be enforced. Counselors believe requiring six credits is good for students, and the Subcommittee on Support recommends adopting such a policy. Currently, time amnesty puts students in good standing right away.

The first question was how students are doing without the requirement. According to Todd there is no analysis of data on student performance under the current practice.

There was a discussion about the rationale for including MP as a passing grade, but not including a D. Todd Jones said that the issue of the MP grade was not raised in the last IWC discussion according to the minutes. Several IWC members agreed that the issue was raised in the past.

There was a discussion about the benefit of getting students to see a counselor and a discussion about whether time amnesty is a privilege and not a right.

There was a brief discussion about whether the IWC could forward the proposal with amendments.

Motion: Not recommend the policy (Thompson/Hirsch).

Vote: Six in favor; three opposed (one person left before the vote)

Action: Motion approved.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Judy Gay
Secretary