

CAEAS Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2024

Present: Sandra Campeanu, Brenda Hernandez-Acevedo, Monica Duncan, Lisa Moalem
Guest: Richard Finger, VP Enrollment Management; Laurie Austin, Director of Admissions and Recruitment; Elin Waring, Professor of Sociology and Interim Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Human Services and Nursing; Marisol Jimenez, Director of Instructional Support Services Program; Selena Cruz-Segundo, Student Senator; Munira Ayalew, Student Senator; Vitoria Reis, Student Senator

Next meeting: TBD

Elin Waring brought a discussion regarding major/minor GPA calculation. Does the written policy, which states “either a minimum grade of C or an overall index of 2.0 in all courses taken in the major and minor departments or in an interdisciplinary program” mean that both a minimum of C for all courses AND an overall major/minor GPA of at least 2.0 are required? The discussion clarified that the minimum of C for all courses is not generally used, but the latter 2.0 requirement is used. In addition, in Lehman policy regarding course repetition, “The D grade will stand, and the new grade will be averaged in the cumulative index, but the course will be credited only once.” The question is whether the D gets averaged with the new grade first and then averaged with other courses so that the individual course only counts once toward GPA calculation, or whether both grades count as separate contributors to the GPA average. Further, the discussion also suggested that perhaps there should be a cap on the number of times a student can retake a course. Elin and Sandra agreed to further discuss and consider potential amendments/clarifications to the relevant policies.

Marisol Jimenez brought a discussion about the newly updated CUNY Uniform Grading policy, updated in June 2024. CAEAS has not yet had a chance to review the updated policies and plans to do so. Specifically, Marisol noted confusion about timing of deadlines – in particular, as related to FIN grades – and also asked what might happen if a grading error (on the part of the professor) is noticed only years later. Marisol and Sandra (and whoever else wishes to contribute) will further discuss interpretation clarifications that are needed based on this update. Once compiled, a list of ambiguous wordings/points of confusion will be sent to the University Registrar for clarification.

Lastly, Sandra Campeanu presented a proposal for revised freshman admissions criteria. A data-driven approach was used to determine the current best predictors of success at Lehman. Based on that analysis, a revised index is submitted to replace the index currently in use to determine freshman admission to the college. Richard Finger and Laurie Austin provided information about admissions processes and the various additional supports that are being implemented to help students who qualify for admittance to the college under the SEEK/OSS criteria. There was no vote because there was no quorum, but all CAEAS members (as well as the student senators who attended the meeting) were in favor of adopting the new freshman admissions criteria.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Campeanu