

Community College *of* Philadelphia

1700 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Student Affairs Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

David Ascenio	Claudia Curry	Nikki Sarpolis
Megan Barbano-Maxwell	Richard Frei	Brenda Torres
Kathryn Birster	Sandy Harrill	Ayanna Washington
Sarah Byker James	Derrick Perkins	
Jean Byrd	Maureen Rush-Bogutz	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

David Ascenio called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. followed by introductions.

II. Election of Student Affairs Standing Committee Chair and Co-Chair

- a) Claudia motioned that David Ascenio serve as Chair; seconded by Sandy Harrill. Motion carried.
- b) Claudia motioned that Nikki serve as Co-Chair; seconded by Ayanna. Motion carried.

Sandy motioned that Claudia serve as Recorder; seconded by Ayanna. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ayanna motioned and Sandy seconded that the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

IV. Review of Grade Appeal Policy

David reported that he has received feedback from the Academic Support Committee about the proposed changes. Afterward, he incorporated minor edits and presented the revised document at the October 26, 2020 meeting. He noted that “this is a major win” for the Student Affairs Committee. If the revised policy is approved at the November 19 meeting, it will be sent to the IWC for approval in December. Sajeda Virji will enter the new policy in the online student handbook.

V. Topics for consideration for the 2020-2021 academic year

a. Academic Integrity Policy

Sandy reminded the Committee that she and Nicole Duncan Kinard worked on the project last year. During Nicole's research of policies and procedures at other institutions, they found that violations are divided into two types – Type I (egregious) and Type II (purposeful). Type I presents a teaching opportunity for faculty members to note the plagiarism, but not see it as an attempt to defraud and steal ideas. Sandy will send the latest draft to the Committee for review before the December meeting. She suggested that we move forward this fall or early spring 2021.

David agrees with developmental and not punitive sanctions. The Committee will review again with “fresh eyes”, solidify the policy and move forward for approval. He will find out which committee should review the document.

b. Restorative Justice

Kathryn suggested that the Committee continue the conversation on restorative justice. This is in line with the developmental vs. punitive approach. Sarah will send resources to David and Nikki. David will form a sub-committee to discuss the fit of the philosophy with committee and college sanctions with a focus on how restorative justice would work at the College and what it would look like. The Committee agreed with a show of hands. This would be a first step for the College. Connect with faculty and students regarding alternative ways to approach violations. Per Ayanna, without restorative justice, people do not have options for dealing with disruptive students.

Per a show of hands, the Committee agreed that revision of the academic integrity policy and restorative justice will be our major topics for 2020-2021. Maureen volunteered to assist Sandy with the policy. Derrick, Kathryn, Ayanna, Rick, Brenda and Sarah will serve as a sub-committee for restorative justice.

VI. Student Standing Committee Members

David reported that on Friday, November 30, names of SGA representatives will be sent to all Standing Committees.

VII. Adjournment – 4:30 p.m.