



## **Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues of the College Council**

Meeting #1

September 6, 2017

S724

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Charge of Committee
3. Timetable for Reports and Resolutions for the College Council Meetings:  
Inclusion in the Agenda
4. New Business
5. Other Items
6. Next Meetings:

Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
Wednesday, April 5, 2018  
Wednesday, May 10, 2018



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### **Minutes**

Present: Harry P Mars; Sunil B Gupta; Diane K. Walleser; Ali Syed; Veronica de La Cruz Rime  
Nakhlawi Loreisy Bueno

- 1) Reviewed Charge of Committee
- 2) Dean Hutmaker to serve as Executive Committee representative
- 3) Open Discussion
  - Elevator lines in Murray, especially for accessibility students
  - Signage
    - students need to know where to go (especially new students during registration)
    - Can we add the class location on the registration
    - look in to consistent terminology for the three building
    - add navigation to the BMCC mobile app
  - Registration
    - How can we get students to take care of advising and registration earlier
    - educate students about the payment deadlines
    - looking into 2-term advising
  - Portal multiple sign in
    - Contact VP Spadaro about the status of this feature
    - Can we push the BMCC app?
- 4) Meeting adjourned.



**Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues  
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Meeting #2

October 4, 2017

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**Agenda**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Minutes
- 3) New Business
- 4) Other Items
- 5) Next Meetings:
  - Wednesday, November 2, 2016
  - Wednesday, December 7, 2016
  
  - Wednesday, February 1, 2017
  - Wednesday, March 1, 2017
  - Wednesday, April 4, 2017 (no meeting – spring break)
  - Wednesday, May 9, 2017 (second Wednesday of May)



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Meeting #2

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**Minutes**

Present: Harry P Mars; Sunil B Gupta; Diane K. Walleser; Veronica de La Cruz; Loreisy Bueno; Michael Hutmaker; Daphnie Sicre

Absent: Rime Nakhlawi, Ali Syed;

- 1) Reviewed Charge of Committee
- 2) Dean Hutmaker introduced a new member of the committee Daphnie Sicre.
- 3) Open Discussion
  - The cost of books for students
    - Library has copies of most books used
    - How can we encourage professors to have a textbook in the library?
    - Students suggested using internet to find the best prices
    - The committee was updated on the Open Educational Resources (OER) project at BMCC
    - Can OER courses be more identifiable on CUNYFirst when registering?
    - Can a list of OER courses be listed separately during registration?
    - Can advisors be used to inform students of the OER courses?
    - Can the OER courses be sortable in CF when registering, similar to Writing Intensive "WI" course?
  - Natural Disaster Update
    - Cash collection days are starting October 10-13
    - Cash only, items are not being solicited by agencies
  - Fresh Start
    - Can BMCC need to create a policy to allow students who have been dismissed three times to apply after a time period and a "fresh start".
    - A "fresh start" (working title) for those students that have been dismissed by BMCC three times and have been out for a significant period of time (the initial proposal is 10 years). The idea is that after ten years people change and may wish to come back with a different approach to their education.
    - The following research tasks were assigned:
      - VP Walleser - will look in to policies (federal, CUNY) and best practices related to grading, admissions, and financial aid
      - Ms. delaCruz, Ms. Bueno, and Ms. Nakhlawi - will research if other community college, specifically in CUNY, have such a policy Mr. Mars, Dean Gupta, Professor Syed, and Professor Sicre - will look for examples from other institutions
- 4) Meeting adjourned.



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Meeting #3

November 1, 2017

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**Agenda**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Minutes
- 3) New Business
- 4) Other Items
- 5) Next Meetings:
  - Wednesday, December 7, 2016
  - Wednesday, February 1, 2017
  - Wednesday, March 1, 2017
  - Wednesday, April 4, 2017 (no meeting – spring break)
  - Wednesday, May 9, 2017 (second Wednesday of May)



**Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues  
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Meeting #3

November 1, 2017

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**Minutes**

Present: Loreisy Bueno; Sunil B Gupta; Michael Hutmaker; Harry P Mars; Daphnie Sicre  
Absent: Veronica de La Cruz; Rime Nakhlawi, Ali Syed; Diane K. Wallerer

Guest: Jean Amaral- Library

- 1) Jean Amaral presented on the zero cost textbook  
OER courses have been at BMCC since 2015  
Courses are identified on CUNYFirst when registering
- 2) Follow up to the Fresh Start proposal (See attached)
- 3) Open Discussion
  - Notice of faculty on CUNY first for registration and then it changes and student are not notified of the change
    - This was brought up to the Registrar to look into.
  - Club meetings should end at 3:50 so faculty can enter the class and prepare for the lesson
    - Office of Student Activities informs the student clubs of this and will send reminders can
  - Athletes schedules
    - Student athletes do have the opportunity to register early to avoid conflicts with their practice/games
  - DACA video on the UMLA website
    - We met with Ashtain Holmes, Director of UMLA and Dean Zummo about this and it was addressed to the group.
- 4) Meeting adjourned.



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Meeting #4

February 7, 2018

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**Agenda**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Minutes
- 3) New Business
- 4) Other Items
- 5) Next Meetings:

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Wednesday, April 4, 2017 (no meeting – spring break)

Wednesday, May 9, 2017 (second Wednesday of May)



**Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues  
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Meeting #4

February 7, 2018

S724

**Minutes**

Present: Michael Hutmaker; Ali Syed; Daphnie Sicre

Absent: Rime Nakhlawi, Veronica de La Cruz; Loreisy Bueno; Harry P Mars; Sunil B Gupta; Diane K. Wallerer;

- 1) No meeting in March and April
- 2) Open Discussion
  - Fresh Start report was shared and reviewed.

**BMCC Academic New Start (working title)**

Students entering college are sometimes not prepared (academically, socially, psychologically or life circumstances) to perform at an acceptable academic level. They either drop out or are dismissed. Some individuals with this experience re-evaluate their educational goals and desire to return to college. The New Start Policy is designed for students who have gained maturity outside of higher education and have demonstrated an ability to be able to handle the academic rigor of college. Their academic record, however, may present an insurmountable obstacle. Students in this category who want the opportunity for a new start at the College without this obstacle may apply for readmission through the New Start Program.

**Policy Criteria-**

- Dismissed from BMCC and want to be readmitted
- Be absent from BMCC of no fewer than five calendar years.
- The student is pursuing readmission to a degree program
- Specific programs may add additional criteria.
- A readmitted student must meet all requirements for the degree program and the College requirements.
- Not have received a degree from BMCC.
- The option provided by this policy is intended only for students in dire circumstances and should not be construed as desirable or advantageous. The criteria for transfer credits are stricter than for normal situations. The required documentation is similar to what would be required for students seeking reinstatement following academic dismissal. The policy is not intended to supplant existing policies and procedures governing academic performance problems that are resolvable by the student through a relatively minor correction or temporary hiatus. These other policies and procedures include:
  - Retaking a course to improve the grade





- Academic probation
  - Academic dismissal
  - Withdrawal from a course or courses
  - Leave of absence
- New Start pertains to situations that are catastrophic and require a more intensive recovery period or growth process, such as:
- Extreme difficulty adjusting to academic expectations
  - Severe illness
  - Emotional or psychological trauma
  - Substance abuse

### Transcript Policies

- The student's cumulative grade point average is reset at 0.0 and begins with the new matriculation date.
- All previous coursework and grades will continue to appear on the students' transcripts for an accurate academic history.
- All courses taken in the time period prior to the 5 year break in attendance with a grade of C or better (or S grade) will be carried forward and treated in the same manner as transfer credit showing earned hour ONLY, without grade points and without calculation into the New Start GPA.
- Credits awarded through evaluation (Transfer, CLEP, Life-Learning Experience, in-house examination, military experience and Advanced Placement) are not altered by this program, regardless of date received.
- Transfer credits from a school after dismissal from BMCC may be considered.
- The student should be advised that although his/her GPA is being restarted at 0.0, his/her academic record remains intact. The complete transcript will show the grades that were forgiven, and it is possible that employers, licensing or certifying agencies, or graduate school admissions committees will use the student's "unadjusted" GPA for purposes of determining eligibility.
- The policy may be granted only once and is irrevocable and permanent.
- The Registrar will annotate the student's permanent record to indicate that the New Start was granted on the date of re-enrollment.
- Students granted academic forgiveness may achieve semester honors, but may not graduate with honors.

### Application Process

- Students must consult with a counselor and financial aid advisor prior to applying to New Start.
- The Counselor will forward the student's application to the Registrar to be considered by the Committee on Academic Standing.
- Students will be notified in writing when their application is approved.
- Students must meet with a counselor/advisor before starting for New Start to ensure that guidelines are met.



- Acknowledge in writing the restrictions of the policy.
- The student is activated in a degree program under the Catalog current at the time of re-enrollment.

#### Requirements once enrolled

- Students accepted into New Start must maintain regular contact with a counselor/advisor to monitor academic progress for at least 2 semesters to monitor academic progress and must consecutively complete at least twelve (12) credits, with a C grade or higher (i.e., no D's, F's, or W's) and GPA of 2.0
- No application for readmission will be allowed after 1 dismissal.
- NC grade is not an option.
- The student forfeits the ability to use the forgiveness policy for specific courses.
- Students may be eligible for Special Programs (ASAP, CD, BLA) and will need to discuss their eligibility with the specific program.

#### Financial Aid Policy

- Eligibility for Financial Aid is determined by the Financial Aid Office in accordance with Federal and State Financial Aid regulations. The New Start Policy does not override financial aid regulations. Please speak to a Financial Aid Specialist regarding your eligibility for aid.
- Enrollment in the New Start program will not affect or alter a student's access to financial aid or scholarships from any source unless specific governmental or agency laws and/or regulations prohibit such awards. All prior academic coursework is used to determine Title IV academic progress standards for financial aid and may be used by other colleges to determine transfer GPA
- Students should be aware that participation in New Start may not be recognized by outside institutions or for financial aid purposes and may impact future financial aid eligibility.
- The Financial Aid Office may be required to include all courses attempted in evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Therefore, students deemed to have unsatisfactory academic progress (USAP) for financial aid purposes and who are enrolled in New Start, may need to file an appeal and document mitigating circumstances. There will be no "automatic" eligibility for aid based on acceptance in New Start.
- A student receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration will be required to adhere to VA policies with regard to the New Start program.
- In the case of transfer to another institution, students must follow the receiving institution's policy and conditions for accepting transfer credits.

#### Fresh Start Programs

10 yrs - State of Texas - College for all Texans



- 5 yrs - University of Florida - Fresh Start
- unk yrs -Chattanooga State Community College - Academic Fresh Start
- 0.5 yrs - University of Miami (FL) - Academic Bankruptcy
- 3 yrs - University of Arizona - Second Start Readmission Policy
- 0 yrs - Kingsborough CC - New Start Program (for non KBCC only)
- 5 yrs - Niagara County Community College - Fresh Start Policy
- 3 yrs - Midlands Technical College - Academic Fresh Start
- 5 yrs - Hudson County College - Academic Fresh Start Policy
- 3 yrs - Rockland Community College - Academic Forgiveness
- 5 yrs - Camden County College - ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS PROGRAM
- 2 yrs - Rowan University - GPA Forgiveness
- 5 yrs - Lehman College Fresh Start Program
- 3 yrs - Brookdale Community College - Academic Amnesty**
- Ukn yrs - John Jay - Academic Forgiveness Policy for CUNY Justice Academy Students
- 5 yrs - LaGuardia CC - ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS POLICY
- 3 yrs - Bergen County College - Academic Forgiveness

### **State of Texas - College for all Texans**

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=6D1050F3-AF82-49FF-4AA263B5D5031E06>

- Credits from 10+ years can be waived.
- Financial Aid not adjusted.
- All or nothing: This means that courses taken previously:
  - Cannot be used to fulfill new prerequisite requirements;
  - Cannot be counted toward your new degree; and
  - Will not be counted in any future G.P.A. calculations.

### **University of Florida - Fresh Start**

<https://www.advising.ufl.edu/admissions/readmissions/fresh-start/>

- dismissed from UF and want to pursue readmission
- after an absence of no fewer than five calendar years (during which time they have engaged predominantly in nonacademic activities).
- meet with an academic advisor to determine initial eligibility.
- credit for previous UF courses in which a grade of C or better was earned will be calculated in UF hours earned and may be applied toward a degree.
- No grades previously earned in UF courses will be included in the UF grade point average.
- All previous course attempts and grades received will remain on the student's academic record and transcript.
- Fresh Start students are readmitted in good standing.
- However, if they accumulate a grade point deficit of 15 or more points in the future, no further petition for readmission will be allowed.



- not allowed to change majors.

### **Chattanooga State Community College - Academic Fresh Start**

**[http://catalog.chattanoogastate.edu/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=4749&hl=Academic+Fresh+Start&returnto=search#Academic Fresh Start](http://catalog.chattanoogastate.edu/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=4749&hl=Academic+Fresh+Start&returnto=search#Academic+Fresh+Start)**

“Academic Fresh Start” is a plan of academic forgiveness provided for undergraduate students who have demonstrated academic responsibility following their return. The Academic Fresh Start allows the calculation of the quality point average and credit hours toward graduation to be based only on work after returning to college.

- Academic Fresh Start is granted only once and is irrevocable.
- The student's permanent record will remain a record of all work; however, all courses taken and previously failed will be excluded from the calculation of the QPA/GPA.
- Courses with a D grade will also be excluded from the calculation when a grade of C or better is required in the student's current major.
- Courses with D or F grades must be repeated at the institution when they are required in the student's current major.
- Previously satisfied Learning Support requirements are not forfeited. Students who did not complete their Learning Support requirements during their previous enrollment must meet current requirements.
- The student's transcript will note the Academic Fresh Start, GPA, and credit totals and will be based on work beginning with the semester the Fresh Start begins.
- A student planning to transfer to a non-TBR institution should contact that institution to see what impact Academic Fresh Start will have before submitting the request.
- This policy is independent of financial aid regulations.
- The current major will be considered the major the student has currently selected when the Fresh Start is formally applied. Courses excluded from the calculation will not be reviewed or reconsidered should the student change majors following the application of the Fresh Start.
- Academic Fresh Start does not apply to any credential already awarded.

### **University of Miami (FL) - Academic Bankruptcy**

**<http://bulletin.miami.edu/general-university-information/undergraduate-policies-and-procedures/student-status/#text>**

Students entering college sometimes perform at an unacceptable academic level. They either drop out or are dismissed. Some individuals with this experience re-evaluate their educational goals and desire to return to college. Their academic record, however, may present an insurmountable obstacle. Undergraduate students in this category who want the opportunity for a fresh start at the University without this handicap may apply for admission or readmission with the request that their prior academic record be disregarded.



In order to be considered for academic bankruptcy, a student's combined college grade point average must be below 2.00 as calculated by the Office of Admission.

- Must have been admissible to the University as a senior in high school,
- Must have attended an accredited institution for at least one year and must not have attended any college or university for the preceding six months, and,
- Must not be admissible to the University based on his or her college-level work.
- The student must apply to the Office of the Registrar.
- At least six months must have elapsed since the end of the semester in which the student was last in attendance at the University of Miami.
- Detailed written evidence must be provided with the readmission application, showing that the conditions or factors that caused the poor performance have changed sufficiently, so that there is a reasonable expectation of future satisfactory performance.
- If Academic Bankruptcy is approved, no course credit hours earned previously will be displayed on the transcript for credit hours attempted, credit hours earned, or quality points earned; however, all grades<sup>1</sup> earned previously will remain on the transcript.
- Readmission applicants with approval from the dean of the accepting school, may have Academic Bankruptcy apply only to those credit hours taken by the student when last in attendance at the University of Miami, so that credit hours earned at another institution subsequent to the date the student last attended the University are not affected.
- All grades, good or bad, are invalidated during this process and will not be reinstated at any future time.
- Academic Bankruptcy will be granted only once for any student.

### **University of Arizona - Second Start Readmission Policy**

<http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/second-start-readmission-policy>

- after an absence of at least three years may apply for the Second Start Readmission Program.
- When a returning student applies for readmission through Second Start, the student's application and prior academic record are reviewed by the academic college offering the student's program of study. If accepted by the college and the University, students are also accepted into the Second Start Program.
- Once the conditions of Second Start are met, all grades earned for UA course work prior to the student's absence will be disregarded in the student's cumulative GPA;
- however, courses in which a C or better was earned will continue to fulfill degree requirements.
- Credit for those courses with a C grade or above will count as earned units toward specific requirements (e.g., General Education, the major or minor), class standing, and total degree units.



- But only the courses taken after Second Start is enacted will count toward the University Credit requirements,
- The student is pursuing readmission to an undergraduate degree program;
- At the time the request is filed, a minimum of three years must have elapsed since the most recent UA course work was attempted;
- The student must complete 12 or more graded units in the 12 months following the absence, with a minimum grade-point average of 2.500 for all courses completed in that interval.
- Recalculation of the student's GPA won't occur until after the student completes 12 graded units with a 2.500 GPA within the first 12 months.
- If the student satisfies the conditions for Second Start, the Office of the Registrar will annotate the student's permanent record to indicate that the Program was enacted.
- Once enacted, grades from all course work completed prior to the extended absence will be designated as not contributing to the GPA;
- courses in which a C or better was earned may count toward degree requirements (courses with grades below a C will no longer satisfy degree requirements).
- Once Second Start is granted, a readmitted student must meet all requirements for the degree program and the University, including major, minor and University Credit requirements.
- Second Start may be granted only once in a student's academic career and is not available to students who have completed requirements for a bachelor's degree.
- When Second Start is enacted, it is permanent.
- While Second Start allows for the GPA to be reset, grades from the previous enrollment will continue to display on the student's academic record for an accurate academic history.

### **Kingsborough CC - New Start Program**

**<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/Pages/newstart.aspx>**

- academic difficulty at participating senior colleges. Eligible students are admitted to Kingsborough in good academic standing and they may enroll in any of Kingsborough's degree programs on a full- or part-time basis.
- Up to 30 previously earned college credits can be applied toward an associate degree at Kingsborough.
- New Start students are offered specialized support services, including counseling and academic advisement.
- After graduation from Kingsborough, students may continue their education at a senior college under the CUNY transfer policy.

### **Niagara County Community College - Fresh Start Policy**

**<http://catalog.niagaracc.suny.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=310#Fresh Start Policy>**

Fresh Start is an appeals procedure that allows a student returning to NCCC after a prolonged absence to request academic forgiveness of prior cumulative grade point average (GPA). The



policy is designed for students who have gained maturity outside of higher education and have demonstrated acceptable academic performance following their return.

- Students must have a complete absence of attendance from NCCC for a period of five years or more;
- Fresh Start is available after successful completion of the returning semester as a full-time student who has been admitted into a degree/certificate program (matriculated) at NCCC. Successful completion is defined as passing a minimum of 12 credit hours, earning a grade of C or higher in each course.
- Fresh Start affects only those courses taken PRIOR to the five (5) year absence.
- All courses taken in the time period prior to the 5 year break in attendance with a grade of C or better (or S grade) will be carried forward and treated in the same manner as transfer credit showing earned hour ONLY, without grade points and without calculation into GPA.
- Credits from the prior enrollment period of attendance with a grade of C- or lower will no longer be counted as earned credits at NCCC, will NOT apply to the degree, will not calculate into GPA, and will need to be retaken if applicable to the student's degree/certificate program.
- All original credits and grades will remain on the permanent NCCC transcript to reflect an accurate academic history.
- Students may apply for Fresh Start only once during their NCCC career.
- Fresh Start, once elected, may not be revoked.
- student should be aware it may not be recognized by outside institutions or for financial aid purposes. Discounting of grades may impact financial aid eligibility.
- Students are advised to consult with their academic advisor and financial aid prior to election of Fresh Start.

### **Midlands Technical College - Academic Fresh Start**

**[https://www.midlandstech.edu/sites/default/files/mtc/student\\_resources/sds\\_student\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.midlandstech.edu/sites/default/files/mtc/student_resources/sds_student_handbook.pdf)**

Students readmitted to the college may apply for "Academic Fresh Start." This option is designed for students who have performed poorly in their previous coursework at MTC and have decided to re-enroll after being out of college for at least three years. Students in this category who want an opportunity for a fresh undergraduate start at Midlands Technical College, without the handicap of their prior academic record, may apply for Academic Fresh Start, subject to the conditions set forth by the college. Granting of Academic Fresh Start can occur only once. Granting of Academic Fresh Start will not affect or alter a student's access to financial aid or scholarships from any source unless specific governmental or agency laws and/or regulations prohibit such awards. All prior academic coursework is used to determine Title IV academic



progress standards for financial aid and may be used by other colleges to determine transfer GPA. For information about this process, contact Counseling and Career Services. Counseling and Career Services is located in the Airport Student Center, room 237 (803.822.3505); and in the Beltline Student Center, room 239 (803.738.7636).

### **Hudson County College - Academic Fresh Start Policy**

**<http://catalog.hvcc.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=55#fresh-start-policy>**

Students who attended HCCC in the past and attained very poor academic records and who wish to resume their studies at the College without being penalized for those records, may request a Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start allows students to restore their academic standing at the College by eliminating previous academic credit from the current GPA.

- students must apply at the Registrar's Office.
- Coursework to be excluded must have been completed at least five years prior to applying for Academic Fresh Start.
- The cumulative GPA for all coursework taken five or more years prior to application must be below 2.0.
- Students must have completed at least 12 credit hours prior to applying for Academic Fresh Start. The GPA for all coursework taken during this time must be at least 2.0.
- Academic Fresh Start will be granted only once.
- Academic Fresh Start does not affect or alter students' records for financial aid awards.
- All previous coursework will continue to appear on the students' transcripts.
- However, all the excluded coursework, regardless of grade, will not be included in the cumulative GPA.
- Credits excluded as a result of Academic Fresh Start cannot be used to meet course or program pre-requisites or requirements.
- This policy applies to HCCC records only. In the case of transfer to another institution, students must follow the receiving institution's policy.
- Students must meet with a counselor before applying for Academic Fresh Start to ensure that guidelines are met. After meeting with the counselor, students must also secure the approval of the Division Dean or Director. [SEP]
- Students granted Academic Fresh Start must maintain regular contact with a counselor to monitor academic progress. [SEP]

### **Rockland Community College - Academic Forgiveness**

**<http://www.sunyrockland.edu/about/college-policies/academic-policies-and-procedures/academic-forgiveness>**

- Academic forgiveness is a policy designed for a student with a history of poor grades who either wants to change to a new degree/certificate program or,





- having been away from Rockland Community College for at least three years, wants to resume his/her original plan of study. Additional restrictions apply to a student who wishes to return to the Nursing Program.
- An eligible student will have his/her cumulative GPA re-computed by excluding final grades earned in courses taken at Rockland Community College that are not explicitly required in the student's intended degree or certificate program.
- A student may apply for this opportunity in Records and Registration at any time during his/her career.
- However, academic forgiveness will be awarded only once. The decision to grant academic forgiveness will be made by the Assistant Registrar.
- Academic forgiveness means:
  - Grades of D or F can be omitted from the recalculation of the cumulative GPA until the cumulative GPA is 2.0 or the smallest possible number above 2.0 at the time of re-entry or program change.
  - Grades that are forgiven will not count towards graduation requirements.
  - Courses and grades omitted from the recalculation will be identified on the transcript.
  - Be matriculated in a registered degree or certificate program at Rockland Community College.
  - Have changed degree/certificate program or have been out of Rockland Community College for at least three academic years.
  - Have a cumulative grade point average below 2.0.
  - Complete 12 or more credits with a C or better in each subsequent course following the application.
  - Demonstrate that a new degree/certificate program is being pursued if a change in degree/certificate program is being used as a basis for the forgiveness request.
  - Return to the original program would result in the reinstatement of the forgiven courses into the cumulative GPA.
  - Acknowledge in writing the restrictions of the policy.
  - Not have received a degree from Rockland Community College.

### **Camden County College - ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS PROGRAM**

<https://camdencc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Academic-Forgiveness-Form.pdf>

Academic Forgiveness offers a fresh start to students who have been separated from the college for a period of at least five consecutive (5) years and who wish to re-enroll. Under this policy, the student's grade point average begins with the new matriculation date; however, the former record will remain on the transcript. The student will retain the credits for any course(s) in which a grade of C or better was earned. A maximum of 30 credits earned prior to academic forgiveness may be applied to the student's present degree.

The following guidelines apply:

- The student's cumulative grade point average is reset at 0.0 and begins with the new matriculation date.



- The original academic record remains on the transcript, with a notation that academic forgiveness was granted on the date of re-enrollment.
- Credits for courses in which a grade of C or better was earned may be applied to the present degree or program. Although a maximum of 30 credits earned prior to academic forgiveness may be applied to the student's present degree or program, the student must specify which credits will be brought forward and applied to the present degree or program at the time of application.
- Academic forgiveness can be granted only once during a student's entire career at Camden County College. A student who has completed a degree at Camden County College is not eligible for academic forgiveness.
- Students granted academic forgiveness may achieve semester honors, but may not graduate with honors.
- Credits awarded through evaluation (Transfer, CLEP, Life-Learning Experience, in-house examination, military experience and Advanced Placement) are not altered by this program, regardless of date received.
- If academic forgiveness is granted, by federal regulation, the Financial Aid Office must include all courses attempted in evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Therefore, students deemed to have unsatisfactory academic progress (USAP) for financial aid purposes and who receive academic forgiveness, will need to file an appeal and document mitigating circumstances. There will be no "automatic" eligibility for aid based on the academic forgiveness.
- A student receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration will not be reimbursed for repeating courses which had been passed.
- This policy applies to Camden County College records only. In the case of transfer to another institution, students will be bound by that college's terms and conditions for accepting transfer credits.
- To apply, students must complete an Academic Forgiveness Application and meet with an academic advisor, who will ensure that the guidelines are met. The advisor will forward the student's application and a copy of the student's transcript to the appropriate academic dean. Students must then meet with their academic dean.
- Students will be notified in writing when their application is approved.

### **Rowan University - GPA Forgiveness**

<https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/POLICY/GPA+Forgiveness>

1. Undergraduate students who started at Rowan University as native freshmen, earned a cumulative GPA less than 2.0 during their first academic year at Rowan University, left the University after their first academic year, and have not attended classes at Rowan University for a minimum of two consecutive years may apply to have their grades forgiven and their GPA restarted at 0.0.
2. Conditions and procedures:
  - a. The maximum cumulative GPA that could be forgiven will be less than 2.0.



- b. The grades for a maximum of 36 attempted credits could be forgiven (based on the normal maximum number of credits permitted).
  - c. A student requesting GPA forgiveness is subject to existing procedures and timelines for reregistering or reapplying as appropriate. In addition, the student must provide a written statement requesting GPA forgiveness and presenting evidence of readiness and/or continuing progress, such as successful completion of 24 credits at a community college or another accredited institution, regular employment, or military service. The student may be asked to provide documentation of the problem that contributed to the original poor performance and/or actions taken to remedy the problem.
  - d. Rowan University courses in which the student received a C or better will automatically be accepted as transfer credits. The grades will not count toward GPA. The credits may count toward graduation, but will not count toward the required minimum of 30 credits taken in residency. No credit will be granted for courses in which a C- or lower was earned.
  - e. Upon readmission or reentrance, students must successfully complete at least 12 credits and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 before the GPA forgiveness would be applied.
  - f. The policy does not apply to graduate students.
3. Additional provisions:
- a. The option provided by this policy is intended only for students in dire circumstances and should not be construed as desirable or advantageous. The criteria for transfer credits are stricter than for normal situations. The required documentation is similar to what would be required for students seeking reinstatement following academic dismissal. The policy is not intended to supplant existing policies and procedures governing academic performance problems that are resolvable by the student through a relatively minor correction or temporary hiatus. These other policies and procedures include:
    - i. Retaking a course to improve the grade
    - ii. Academic probation
    - iii. Academic dismissal
    - iv. Withdrawal from a course or courses
    - v. Leave of absence
  - b. GPA forgiveness pertains to situations that are catastrophic and require a more intensive recovery period or growth process, such as:
    - i. Extreme difficulty adjusting to academic expectations
    - ii. Severe illness
    - iii. Emotional or psychological trauma
    - iv. Substance abuse
  - c. According to current University policy, conferral of academic honors at Commencement is based on the student's GPA at the end of the first term of the senior year. The GPA must be based on a minimum of 36 semester hours of course work completed at Rowan University. A student exercising the option described in this policy will have met this minimum if he/she successfully complete his/her studies at Rowan and is therefore eligible for academic honors at Commencement. The required 36 semester



hours earned at Rowan do not include Rowan courses accepted for transfer credit as permitted by this policy.

- d. The student should be advised that although his/her GPA is being restarted at 0.0, his/her academic record remains intact. The complete transcript will show the grades that were forgiven, and it is possible that employers, licensing or certifying agencies, or graduate school admissions committees will use the student's "unadjusted" GPA for purposes of determining eligibility.

### **Lehman College Fresh Start Program**

<http://lehman.smartcatalogiq.com/2015-2017/Undergraduate-Bulletin/Academic-Services-and-Policies/Academic-Standards/The-Fresh-Start-Program>

The Fresh Start Program offers eligible students seeking readmission to Lehman College the opportunity to return to the College and begin their GPA anew. Under the Fresh Start Program, students whose cumulative GPA does not meet Lehman College's academic standard and who earned no more than 45 indexable credits during their initial enrollment at the College will have none of their previous Lehman College coursework counted toward the computation of their grade point average.

#### Eligibility:

The following reinstated students may qualify for the Lehman College Fresh Start Program:

- Students who have either completed an associate's degree and have earned a minimum GPA of 2.75 or have earned 45 credits at an accredited institution following their initial enrollment at the College with a minimum GPA of 2.75;
- Students who have not attended a college or university for 5 or more years.

#### Terms of the program:

- Upon acceptance of an appeal for readmission, students who meet the above criteria will be invited to apply to the program by the Committee on Admission and Standing.
- Admission to the program is at the discretion of the Committee. Decisions are final and may not be appealed.
- Upon acceptance to the Fresh Start Program all previously earned grades will be removed from the calculation of the index but will remain visible on the transcript. A notation will indicate students' enrollment in the Fresh Start Program.
- Students accepted to the program must adhere to a Fresh Start Program Contract which requires regular meetings with an assigned academic advisor as well as the utilization of campus support services.
- Fresh Start Program participants must comply with all residency requirements for the College following their acceptance to the program, which stipulate the completion of at least 30 credits of coursework at Lehman, including at least half the number of



credits in the student's major and half in the minor or half of the credits in an interdisciplinary program.

- Students who fail to meet the academic standards of the College following their acceptance to the program will be subject to the policies governing dismissal as outlined in the College Bulletin.
- The Fresh Start Program may be implemented only once during a student's academic career at Lehman.
- Credits earned prior to the Fresh Start Program will be treated as transfer credits. As such, all grades removed from the index under the Fresh Start Program guidelines will not be used in the calculation of any indices.

### Brookdale Community College - Academic Amnesty

<https://www.brookdalecc.edu/vp-learning/academic-amnesty/>

Academic Amnesty allows students to restore their academic standing by eliminating previous academic credits below Credit or C grade from the current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) with the following provisions:

1. Academic Amnesty can be granted one time only with final approval determined by the Vice President for Learning.
2. All previous coursework will continue to appear on the student's transcripts; however, all courses with grades below Credit or C level during the student's previous attendance will not be included in the calculations for the cumulative G.P.A. when Academic Amnesty is declared.
3. The designation "Academic Amnesty Applied" will appear on transcripts to indicate the separation of past coursework from the current.
4. Academic Amnesty does not affect or alter student's records for financial aid eligibility.

Students who attended Brookdale Community College in the past and attained very poor academic records are eligible to apply for Academic Amnesty if the following conditions are met:

1. At least three years have elapsed since the end of the last term attended and the return to credit enrollment at the College.
2. The student's academic standing upon return to the College is unsatisfactory (i.e., Warning, Probation, Suspension or Dismissal status, or the cumulative G.P.A. is below 2.0).
3. The student is activated in a degree program under the Catalog current at the time of return with additional courses needed to complete the degree program's requirements

Procedure:



1. Upon return to the College, the student must meet with a Counselor before applying for Academic Amnesty to ensure the initial eligibility requirements are met.
2. The Counselor will then provide approval to preliminarily initiate an Academic Amnesty Application with the Counselor indicating intent to achieve amnesty.
3. The student must maintain regular contact with their Counselor to monitor academic progress toward Amnesty and must consecutively complete at least twelve (12) credits, with a C grade or higher (i.e., no D's, F's, or W's) and the G.P.A. for all course work taken during this time must be at least a 2.0
4. Upon completion of the twelve (12) credits, the student provides the Academic Amnesty Application to the Registrar's Office for initial approval.
5. The approved application is forwarded by the Registrar to the Vice President for Learning for final approval.

### **John Jay - Academic Forgiveness Policy for CUNY Justice Academy Students**

<http://jjay.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2017-2018/Undergraduate-Bulletin/Academic-Standards-and-Policies/Academic-Standards/Retention-Standards/Academic-Forgiveness-Policy-for-CUNY-Justice-Academy-Students>

Matriculated students who leave John Jay College either on academic probation or as the result of an academic dismissal, for reasons other than academic dishonesty, who then transfer to a Justice Academy Program at a CUNY community college, and complete at least 30 credits, earn a GPA of at least 2.50, and receive an associate degree (AA or AS only) from a CUNY Justice Academy partner, will have the grades of their prior coursework at John Jay College treated as if it were transfer credit, just as is the coursework that is being transferred from the Justice Academy community college. These students would, therefore, begin their second career at John Jay College with a clear GPA slate, that is, with a GPA of 0.00. CUNY Justice Academy students who return to John Jay but do not meet the standards described above, may still apply under the general Second Chance policy if they meet the specified criteria. Students must file an application by the end of their first semester back at the college to be considered.

### **LaGuardia CC - ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS POLICY**

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[https://www.laguardia.edu/uploadedFiles/Main\\_Site/Content/Academics/Catalog/PDFs/AcademicRequirementsAndPolicies.pdf](https://www.laguardia.edu/uploadedFiles/Main_Site/Content/Academics/Catalog/PDFs/AcademicRequirementsAndPolicies.pdf)

Students who have been dismissed from, or have not been in attendance at, the College for a period of at least five years and whose GPA is below 2.0 are able to be reinstated under the Academic Forgiveness Policy. For students reinstated under this policy, past grades of F, FIN or WU will remain on their transcripts but will not be calculated in their grade point averages. This policy gives students a second chance to complete their studies.

Your eligibility for Financial Aid is determined by Student Financial Services in accordance with Federal and State Financial Aid regulations. The Academic Forgiveness Policy does not override financial aid regulations. Please speak to a Financial Aid Specialist regarding your eligibility for aid.



Note: Admission or readmission into the “Clinical Phase” of Allied Health Programs is not guaranteed under the Academic Forgiveness Policy, regardless of the student’s prior status in that program. Students must contact individual program offices for specific readmission policies.

### **Bergen County College - Academic Forgiveness**

1. Academic Forgiveness is designed to allow students who have gotten off to a bad start a chance to get poor grades removed from their GPA. The Academic Forgiveness Policy at Bergen Community College contains two options:
2. A student may request Academic Forgiveness once under Option I (Academic Performance) and once under Option II (Academic Forgiveness). **An appointment with an Academic Counselor is REQUIRED** to complete the application.
3. Student must bring all required documentation with them when meeting with their counselor.
4. Students who take all online courses should contact the Student Affairs Online Counselor.
5. Academic Forgiveness forms are to be submitted to the Center for Student Success, Room A-118. Once a decision has been rendered students will be notified via mail.

#### **Option I: Academic Forgiveness based upon past academic performance**

After three consecutive years of non-attendance (3 Fall and 3 Spring semesters), a student may request Academic Forgiveness of grades as follows:

- After your return to Bergen Community College, you must complete at least nine (9) credits with a GPA of 2.50 for your request to be approved. The request will be reviewed after you have completed at least one semester.
- If your request is approved: grades of “**F**”, “**E**”, “**R**” and optionally “**D**” for the courses from the prior attendance period will be removed from your Grade Point Average.
- The courses will remain on your official transcript, designated with a special code for Academic Forgiveness (“**@**”).
- **Form : Academic Forgiveness Form (Option 1 – Nonattendance)**

#### **Option II: Academic Forgiveness based upon change of curriculum**

A student may request Academic Forgiveness based upon a change of curriculum at any time after matriculation and after credits have been attempted.

- If a student’s request is approved, grades of “**F**”, “**E**”, “**R**,” and optionally “**D**” in courses that were required by the student’s former academic program but that are not required by the new program will be removed from the student’s Grade Point Average.



- The courses will remain on the student's official transcript designated with a special code indicating Academic Forgiveness (“@”).
- **Form: Academic Forgiveness Form (Option 2 – Change of Curriculum)**

### **Articles**

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Academic-Forgiveness-the/139691>

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/10/20/forgive>

<https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/confessions-community-college-dean/how-long-are-bad-grades-good>

3) Meeting adjourned.

## **Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues of the College Council**

Meeting #5

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### **Agenda**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Review of Minutes
- 3) New Business





- 4) Other Items
- 5) Next Meetings:

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**Minutes**

Present: Harry P Mars; Sunil B Gupta; Diane K. Walleser; Michael Hutmaker; Ali Syed;  
Absent: Rime Nakhlawi, Veronica de La Cruz; Loreisy Bueno; Daphnie Sicre

- 1) Meeting 5 cancelled (March)
- 2) Open Discussion
  - Fresh Start report was shared with Prof Glenn Miller, the chair of the Committee on Academic Standing of the Academic Senate for review by the committee since they will need to bring forward to discuss at Academic Senate.



- Creation of a short information sheet to provide to faculty to use as part of the material given to students. Information to be outlined includes: accessibility accommodations, academic honesty, counseling, Single Stop services and other support for student success.

3) Meeting adjourned.