

Academic Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025

In Attendance:

Caterina Almendral (ELA), Fatima Herhar (SGA), Abdul Hashim (Registrar), Alexandra Rojas (Library), Lilla Toke (English), Maribel Arias (Business & Technology), Vera Albrecht (Academic Affairs), Ana Mora (Community Health and Wellness), Andrew McFarland (Humanities), Erika Correa (ACE)

Excused:

Kyle Hollar-Gregory (Social Sciences), Renee Daniels (Admissions), Sandra Ribeiro (Health Sciences), Janet Gonzalez (Natural Sciences), Omar Ait Hellal (MEC), Marta Kowalczyk (Academic Appeals)

1. Welcome

- a. MEC: Omar Ait Hellal
- b. Community Health and Wellness: Ana Mora
- c. SGA Designee: Fatima Herhar

2. Meeting Minutes

- a. September
 - 1 abstention, the rest approve – minutes pass
- b. October
 - 1 abstention, the rest approve – minutes pass

3. Committee Chair Role

Lilla Toke was elected as ASC Co-Chair unanimously.

4. Outreach Follow-up

One suggestion was to pick either online or in-person, but not hybrid format. The Committee considered how to increase attendance and discussed the need to make clear: a) that people are not supposed to look up information, and b) that ASC members should not be allowed to participate. Suggestion: eligibility to win a trivia prize requires in-person attendance. Venue Suggestion: E500. Continue with Kahoot! In October 2026, Modify Kahoot! for students.

5. Apply to Graduate

GRDOOO will be retired in Fall 2026. Students must apply to graduate through CUNYfirst. The Committee will update the catalog in light of this information. Overview given of the rationale behind moving away from the GRDOOO method. The ASC will come up with new language for the policy procedure in the catalog.

6. Online Learning Requirements for Online Courses

The Online Learning Committee made recommendations to eliminate the GPA and course requirements (i.e. a semester's worth of courses at LaGuardia) from enrolling in an online class, and instead make an online training to succeed in an online course instead. The Committee pointed out that the means of implementing this recommendation aren't currently available. The Committee also agree that change of modality, e.g. from in-person to online, is not allowed. Observation that faculty teaching abilities varies from in-person to online. Other suggestions included: a) having different policies for different modalities, b) finding data on success rates for students in online classes, and balancing that with mental health concerns (e.g. neurodivergent students). The Committee also agreed to look at other College's online learning policies as guidance to create our own.

7. Academic Appeals

Tabled

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

-Andrew McFarland