

Academic Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026

In Attendance: Maribel Arias (Business & Technology), Cynthia Vazquez (Community Health and Wellness), Vera Albrecht (Academic Affairs), Erika Correa (ACE), Caterina Almendral (ELA, Academic Standing Committee Co-Chair), Lilla Toke (English, Academic Standing Committee Co-Chair), Jasmine Edwards (Health Sciences), Andrew McFarland (Humanities), Alexandra Rojas (Library), Omar Ait Hellal (MEC), Sung Lee (Natural Sciences), Abdul Hashim (Registrar),

Excused: Renee Daniels (Admission Services), Kyle Hollar-Gregory (Social Sciences), Fatima Herhar (SGA)

The meeting commenced at 4:37 PM.

1. Welcome and Updates

- The Committee welcomed each other in person.
- The Committee shared updates regarding the LaGuardia Brightspace grading schema, the Academic Calendar, the updated [Governance Plan](#), and the catalog. The need to send alternates when the primary representative is unavailable was repeated.
 - **LaGuardia Brightspace Grading Schema:** The Committee was asked to remind their departments that they must manually align their course grading schema to the LaGuardia grading schema for Spring I 2026 and to refer to the guidance previously shared about. The LaGuardia Brightspace grading schema will align with the grading schema in the LaGuardia catalog beginning in Spring II 2026.
 - **The Academic Calendar.** The 2026-2027 Academic Calendar passed the Senate. All revisions were addressed, although it was not possible to add another Saturday for Fall II 2026. Affected courses will add additional instructional time for the online component so as not to impact the in-person time. In Fall 2026, the Committee will review the Academic Calendar two

years in advance (2027-2028 and 2028-2029). These calendars can be revised and approved, with remaining items going forward as informational items to the Senate. The Committee discussed procedures going forward that would ensure vigilance and avoid the need for ongoing academic calendar revisions.

- **Department Representation:** The Committee discussed the importance of sending Department alternates to ASC meetings when the primary representative is unavailable.
- **Governance Plan:** The 2026 Governance Plan is now in effect. In the new plan, ACE and the Registrar are now voting members of the Academic Standing Committee. Academic Appeals is now a Standing Committee of the Senate, rather than a sub-committee of the Academic Standing Committee. As such, Academic Appeals no longer has representation on the Academic Standing Committee, although both committees will continue to partner together.
- **Catalog.** The Committee discussed the format of the catalog, currently only available in web-based version, and who could help with catalog updates. The Committee should share necessary revisions with the ASC Co-Chairs, so these revisions can be discussed and pursued.

2. Meeting Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the April meeting minutes.

3. Online Proctoring

The Committee considered if the need for online proctoring guidance or policy exists at LaGuardia/CUNY. Discussion included the need for more context, feedback from the Online Learning Committee, and Departments. The Committee considered different platforms for proctoring, cost of different platforms and versions, the impact for different programs (e.g., fully online versus other modalities), Departments, and Enrollment Management (e.g., how courses may be advertised based on

requirements), as well as considered test taking formats (e.g., asynchronous classes that require students to come in person for exams) and the importance of ensuring actual students are learning the information/receiving degrees.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will investigate this further, and raise this to Academic Affairs, Chairs, and Program Directors for further discussion.

4. ASC Website FAQs

The Committee reviewed a draft of FAQs for the ASC website. Committee members reviewed items for accuracy and alignment with policy.

Committee members were each assigned one FAQ to take ownership of which includes adding suggested updates to the shared document by June 1 and letting Co-Chairs know of any policies aligned with questions that need to be updated in the catalog.

ACTION ITEM: Committee members will provide their FAQ revisions in the shared documents and leave comments where catalog policies do not reflect the most recent catalog updates.

5. Next Meeting

The next ASC meeting is June 1 in Zoom from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. The minute taker is Erika Correa

The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.