

CAEAS Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021

Present: Andrei Jitianu, Jessica Mills, Abigail Mellen, Cristian Valdovinos, Beatrice Donkor, Sheila Blachman, Sandra Campeanu

The committee met to discuss the possibility of a CR/NC policy moving forward. This was a brainstorming session to determine what information the committee needs in order to make an informed recommendation, should this policy be suggested again for the Spring 2021 semester. The possibility of adopting a general (but restricted) CR/NC policy in the future was also discussed. The committee agreed that the first point of action was to ask the Administration about federal rules/accreditation issues that might relate to this policy. Subsequent steps included polling the students to find out whether they want such a policy moving forward, and speaking with financial aid and specialized (e.g., pre-health) advisors about implications of such a policy. In addition, further information should be sought about Hunter's policy (as well as a determination of whether any other CUNY colleges use such a policy) and how it works/whether it will be phased out or not, etc. A discussion ensued about graduate vs. undergraduate courses, the number of courses that should be allowed to utilize such a policy, which courses should be ineligible, whether a department should have the option to opt in or out of the policy and whether advising should be required for a student to opt-in to such a policy (there was a strong feeling that advising should be mandatory, but whether this should be academic advising or departmental advising and whether Lehman has the resources to facilitate this, remain unclear). Other issues, such as whether students on probation should have a CR/NC option or the impact on the CUNY F policy, also remain to be determined.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,
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