

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
November 11, 2025

- (7083) Call to order    The third meeting of Faculty Council for the 2025-2026 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (TREM).
- (7084) Roll call        The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Mohd (CHEM), Haydar (CBSE), Lauterbach (ECAE), Fishman (HIST); Delegates: Steel (HUMA), Arnow (NBS), McCoy (Prog Dir), Christman & Grubbs (VMPA) were absent (-10); Amoo & Manlow (MME), Chen (CIS), Danto (FILM), Jiang (HNS), Sandeman (PHYS), Cherrier, Kingan & Miles (NBS), Albarillo & Fuse (HUMA) were excused (10); Administrators – Ganic, Ali, Coombs, O’Reilly & McFadden were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7085) Minutes of September 9 & September 30, 2025    There was discussion of the minutes of September 9, 2025 and the motion, which was made by Professor Tremper (ENGL) at the September 30, 2026 meeting of Faculty Council, to amend them to include the following: “the faculty who spoke at this meeting were uniform in their criticism of the administration’s non-reappointment of four adjunct faculty members and investigation of six full-time faculty for their alleged conduct on May 8 and/or other days.” A motion to call the question passed with a vote of 73 yeas, 6 nays, and 5 abstentions. The motion to amend the minutes passed with a vote of 56 yeas, 23 nays, and 5 abstentions. The minutes of September 30, 2025 passed with a vote of 77 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.
- (7086) Steering Committee    Faculty Council held a moment of silence for the passing of Chief Librarian and Executive Director of Academic Information Technology Mary Mallery. A memorial will take place at a future meeting. The Resolution Opposing the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education” passed with a vote of 78 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- (7087) Committee on Committees    The election for two members of the Committee on Committees at the December 2025 meeting was announced.

(7088) Degree Lists	Degree List 2026/4 was approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions
(7089) Standing Committees	<p>Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum &amp; Degree Requirements: A motion send the Creole Studies minor back to the committee passed with a vote of 74 yeas, 4 nays, and 7 abstentions. Curriculum Document 443 with changes was approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.</p> <p>Committee on Graduate Curriculum &amp; Degree Requirements: A motion to remove the Secondary Education Change in Degree Program passed with a vote of 76 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions. Curriculum Document 291 with changes passed with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.</p> <p>Committee on General Education: Professor Simon (ART) announced the deadline to submit courses and introduced the BrightSpace page.</p>
(7090) Communications from the Administration	<p>Committee on Course &amp; Standing: The annual report was presented and accepted.</p> <p>President Anderson announced efforts to address federal shutdown, which has cut SNAP, including a banner on the homepage for donations, a drive to collect non-perishable food and toiletries for the food pantry, an Amazon link to donate to Brooklyn College Food Pantry, and the dissemination of information about local foodbanks. She discussed recent federal proposals and regulations, which will have an impact on higher education. She announced the formation of a council of five faculty advisors, with whom she will consult on a regular and emergency basis. She reported on admissions, Middle States, the importance of prioritizing assessment, and the possibility and implications of providing written reports from the administration.</p> <p>A discussion about the following ensued: the mechanism for decision-making in the non-reappointment of faculty, fulltime faculty involvement in planning the events of May 8, 2025, challenges in retaining and promoting young faculty of color (especially female faculty), language prohibiting discussion in disciplinary letters received by students about the events of last semester, the possibility of written or oral remarks from the administration, assessment and the need for support.</p>

(7091) Liaison  
with the University  
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) reported on the two most recent meetings of the University Faculty Senate. Chair of Board of Trustees member Thompson spoke at the September 2025 meeting. A discussion took place, at which the following were addressed: the current landscape of higher education, CUNY's mission, the adjuncts who were not reappointed at Brooklyn College, the Henderson Rules, potential gender bias in the investigation of full-time faculty members at Brooklyn College, and diversity at CUNY and in higher education. Acting University Provost Alvero spoke at the October meeting. A discussion took place, at which the following were addressed: academic freedom and the roles of the administration, faculty, and the union. A discussion ensued, at which the following were addressed: the importance of the UFS, the number of Brooklyn College representatives at UFS, and the importance of delegates' attendance at UFS meetings.

(7092) Old  
Business

There was no old business.

(7093) New  
Business

There was no new business.

(7094)  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary

(7072)  
Adjournment

