

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
December 9, 2025

- (7095) Call to order    The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2025-2026 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (Television, Radio, and Emerging Media).
- (7096) Roll call        The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Antoniello (ANTH), Marton (CASD). Cheng (EES), Peterburgsky (FINC), Fishman (HIST); Delegates: Byam & Richards (Prog Dir), Fry (VMPA) were absent (-8); Nadell (ENG), Mohd (CHEM), Sandeman (PHYS), Paul (ACCT), Amoo (BUSN), Ungar (HUMA), Rodman (VMPA) were excused (7): Administrators – Coombs, Freeland, Ludovic, McFadden, O’Reilly, Perez & Suarez were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7097) Minutes of November 11, 2025        The minutes of the November 11, 2025 meeting of Faculty Council were not available and would be distributed later.
- (7098) Report from Steering Committee    Professor Robinson announced CUNY has put out a call for faculty and HEO volunteers to serve on the sexual misconduct hearings and appeal committees, details for which were in the distributed documents for the meeting.
- Professor Robinson announced that she had completed the National Association of Parliamentarians certification and projected evidence of same. She spoke about the importance of parliamentary procedures to ensuring fair, inclusive involvement in governance/the deliberative body. Announced that starting Spring 2026, Professor Matthew Moore (Philosophy) would serve as Faculty Council’s parliamentarian as Professor Yedidyah Langsam has now retired.
- Processes for making a “point of order” were mentioned as was an approach to discussion management that ensures equal opportunity for expression of differing perspectives.
- (7099) Committee on Committees    The latest slate with changes passed with a vote of 81 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. For Committee on Committees, Professors Steven Remy (History) and Veronica Manlow (Management,

Marketing, and Entrepreneurship) were elected to serve three-year terms and Professor Jennifer Cherrier to fill the remainder of a one-year term (until December 2026) with a single vote from the secretary. The following faculty were nominated for a slate of four (4) from whom President Anderson would choose two (2) to serve on the Advisory Committee on Campus Safety: Professors Jennifer Basil (Biology), David Brodsky (Judaic Studies), Jennifer Cherrier (Earth and Environmental Sciences), Ryan Murelli (Chemistry).

(7100) Degree Lists

Degree List 2026/5 and 2026/6 were approved with a vote of 87 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(7101) Standing Committees

*Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements:* Curriculum Document 444 was approved with a vote of 89 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

*Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements:* Curriculum Document 291 was approved with a vote of 89 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

*Committee on Disability Accommodation and Awareness:* The committee's annual report for academic year 2024-2025 was accepted.

*Committee on Course and Standing:* Professor Stephen Preston (Mathematics) presented an overview of the committee's work.

A motion was made to suspend the order of business and take New Business next. The motion was seconded. A request for more information on the new business to be addressed was made. A third faculty member stated that the new business was a Resolution being brought to the body by a group of faculty and distributed in hard copy during/before the meeting. The motion then moved to vote. The motion, needing a 2/3 vote, did not pass with a vote of 56 yeas, 34 nays, and 3 abstentions.

(7102) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate

Professor Douglas Cohen (Conservatory of Music) presented his report on the October 28, 2025 plenary meeting of the University Faculty Senate.

A point of order was made regarding the previous motion to suspend the order of business stating that there was no debate on the motion. Professor Robinson, referring to Robert's Rules, noted that the motion falls under the category of motions that are not debatable.

(7103)  
Communications  
from the  
Administration

President Anderson delivered remarks about: enrollment figures for Winter Intersession, Spring 2026, transfers, graduate students; demographic information for Brooklyn; the challenges of converting admitted to enrolled; increases in fundraising; support program for adjuncts who are hired late, an issue which the union chapter raised; predictions of deteriorating financial environment for higher education in 2026.

Acting Vice President for Student Affairs Yasmin Ali began a presentation about the formal correspondence that is sent to students when a disciplinary action is initiated. The presentation will be continued at the next meeting.

(7104) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson  
Chair

Sharona A. Levy  
Acting Secretary