

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL

February 10, 2026

- (7105) 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 (TREM).
- (7106) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Lauterbach (ECAE), Goldberg (ECON), Peterburgsky (FINC), Amanik (JUDC), Panek (MLL), Ness (POLS), Porter (Sociology); Delegates: Byam (Prog Dir) were absent (-8); Day (AFST), Haine (FGSC), Sandeman (PHYS), Grasso (PSYC), Amoo, Ninan (BUSN), Avivi-Reich & Pan (HUMA), Arnow (NBS) were excused (9); Administrators – Coombs, Freeland, Ludovic, McFadden, O’Reilly, Helms & Paul were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7107) Minutes The minutes will be presented at the next meeting of Faculty Council.
- (7108) Steering Committee Professor Remy (HIST) read a tribute in memory of Professor of History, Emeritus, Stuart Schaar (Appendix A). Professor Robinson announced that Professor Moore (PHIL) will serve as Parliamentarian for Faculty Council. Professor Robinson announced that University Faculty Senate nominations will occur online from February 23-28, 2026 and that elections will occur online from March 23-28, 2026. Professor Robinson provided information about the CUNY Alliance to Defend Higher Education (CADHE) and an upcoming meeting (February 23, 2026). A discussion about the end time of Faculty Council took place. A motion to extend the end time of Faculty Council to 5:30 pm failed with a vote of 36 yeas, 50 nays, and 7 abstentions.
- (7109) Committee on Committees The latest slate of Faculty Council committees passed with a vote of 81 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

- (7110) Degree Lists Degree Lists 2026/7 & 8 were approved with a vote of 90 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions
- (7111) Standing Committees  
 Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 445 with changes was approved with a vote of 85 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions. The Annual Report was accepted.  
 Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 292 passed with a vote of 90 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.  
 Ad Hoc General Education Committee: Professor Childers (GLLL) led a discussion about the models for the college options, the process for discussing and approving curricular changes for the college option, and possible courses for college option.
- (7112) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate There was no report from the University Faculty Senate
- (7113) Communications from the Administration Vice President for Student Affairs Ali discussed language that has been used in disciplinary letters to students and proposed new language. A conversation ensued, during which the following were discussed: the possibility of sending letters with new language to students currently in the disciplinary process and the disciplinary process. Vice President Ali then spoke about the student behavior process, expectations for faculty, the student behavior report, and eligibility/safety concerns. She announced that new resources are being developed and requested feedback. A conversation ensued, during which the following were discussed: campus safety protocols and training, the importance of collaboration, the importance of ensuring the safety of the person reporting student behavior, personnel involved in the process of addressing student behavior, the development of a student-facing brochure, consequences when student behavior protocols are not followed, and addressing coordinated harassment by students.

President Anderson the appointment of the new Registrar, Dr. Tara Kent. She then discussed the latest enrollment figures, the eligibility for reappointment of three of the four non-reappointed adjuncts (the fourth adjunct is pursuing a different grievance), concerns about safety and the range of Brooklyn College's efforts to ensure the safety of immigrant students.

A discussion about the following ensued: requests for W-9s for scholarships; CUNY's position on the arbitration currently under way; the status of the fourth adjunct, who is engaged in a separate grievance; gratitude for those involved in supporting efforts to re-appoint the adjuncts; language used to describe the adjuncts' non-reappointment; moving forward in the wake of the status of the grievance process; the possibility of a settlement through the grievance process; the length of time for the investigation into six full time faculty members; non-disciplinary guidance memos; the Department of Education's request for student data and its impact on student data; the process for real-time communication during emergencies; the importance of repair or apology; the experiences of many Jewish students on campus and at Hillel on May 8, 2026, which contrasts with the ways in which many have characterized the events of that day; and concerns about harassment and targeting of Jewish students. A motion to extend the end time of Faculty Council failed with a vote of 43 yeas, 36 nays, and 2 abstentions.

(7114) Old  
Business

There was no old business.

(7115) New  
Business

Resolution to Build Unity in Defense of the BC Community - Professor Tremper (will be moved to Old Business for the March 10, 2026 meeting.)

(7116)  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson, Chair

Martha Nadell, Secretary

## Appendix A:

Professor Emeritus of Middle East history Stuart Schaar, passed away on January 5 in Marrakesh, Morocco.

A scholar of the Middle East and North Africa, Stuart was widely admired for his rigorous scholarship, engaged teaching, and his commitment to expanding nuanced perspectives on a region often misunderstood in Western academe. His colleagues and former students remember him as a demanding but inspiring teacher who insisted on historical depth and analytic clarity.

Born in 1937, Schaar grew up in a poor family in New York City and earned his bachelor's degree with honors in history at City College in 1958, thankful for the free education that was available at the time. He earned a Ph.D. in Middle East studies and history in 1966 at Princeton with a dissertation on Moroccan political change in the nineteenth century.

He began his academic career at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, teaching Middle Eastern and North African history. After a leave during which he wrote and lectured across the United States and North Africa, he joined the faculty of Brooklyn College in 1969. Over nearly four decades, he taught courses on Islamic history, colonialism, nationalism, and contemporary politics, retiring in 2007.

During the late 1960's through the 70's, Stuart was an organizer of the Anti-Vietnam War Coalition at Brooklyn College-CUNY, challenging U.S. policy in Vietnam and was a member of the Harrisburg Defense Committee, successfully working to acquit the Harrisburg 7 who were charged with conspiracy to kidnap U.S. National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger, destroy underground heating systems beneath federal buildings in Washington, D.C., and raid draft boards.

Throughout his career, Stuart was a committed advocate for social justice and organized labor. He was an active member of PSC-CUNY and exemplified the values of shared governance and collective responsibility that define our institution.

Stuart authored and edited numerous books and articles that brought greater historical context to debates about colonialism, nationalism, and postcolonial transformations in the Arab world. Among his notable works was *The Middle East and Islamic World Reader*, co-edited with Marvin Gettleman, which became a staple in college courses for its comprehensive selection of primary texts. He also wrote an intellectual biography of his longtime friend, the Pakistani

political scientist Eqbal Ahmad, and was working on projects exploring historical and contemporary political dynamics in North Africa.

His research was characterized by deep engagement with primary sources, field study, and a commitment to interpreting the histories of the Middle East and North Africa on their own terms. Stuart's courses drew praise from students for their breadth and intensity, and many former pupils went on to careers in academia, public policy, and journalism.

After retiring from Brooklyn College, he lived for many years in Rabat and Marrakech, where he remained active in teaching, research and writing, especially on issues related to North African decolonization and political change.

In 2006, Stuart made an extraordinary gift to the college when he donated his personal papers, more than 7,200 books and periodicals, and 63 works of art to the library. Together, these materials form the Stuart Schaar Collection of Middle Eastern and North African Culture, History, and Politics. His papers document his teaching, scholarship, and activism, and include correspondence with figures such as Eqbal Ahmad, Noam Chomsky, and Rémy Leveau. The collection continues to attract scholars from around the world and stands as a lasting testament to his intellectual generosity and global impact.

Stuart is survived by a worldwide network of colleagues, students, and readers who valued his intellectual rigor and his ability to make complex histories accessible and meaningful. His legacy endures in the field of Middle Eastern studies and in the many historians and citizens whose understanding of the world he helped shape.

Professor Steven P. Remy, Chair, History Department, February 2026