

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
March 18, 2026 General Meeting
5:00pm, Alumni Lounge, Student Center

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Interim Vice President Yasmin Ali, Interim Dean James Lynch, Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio, Dean Peter Tolia, Randall Clarke, Judith Kenny, Aharon Grama, Professor Patricia Antonello, Professor Jillian Cavanaugh, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Dov Fischer, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor MJ Robinson, Professor Irene Sosa, Professor Jolie Tong, Deborah Bernfeld (USG), Hailey Johnston (USG), Cyle Paul (USG), Ailyn Paz (USG), Ajadah Simms (USG), Keyanna Tyrell (USG), Nilgun Gungor (GSO).

Absent: Provost April Bedford, Executive Legal Counsel Jaclyn Helms, Dean Philip Napoli, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Kip Marsh, Professor Brian Sowers, Haikeda Hilliman (USG), Doha Nemr (USG), Fia Sanchez (USG), Beth Rocco (GSO).

Non-voting: Sadiya Hoque, David Gretah.

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. Aharon Grama moved to approve the minutes of the February 18th, 2026 meeting. Interim Dean James Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Grama reported on prior Governance and Policy committee discussions regarding classroom recording, noting that the committee voted to retain the current policy, which requires written faculty consent.
4. The Council discussed classroom recording with respect to ADA accommodations, enforcement, student education, distribution, and misuse.
5. Members raised concerns regarding ADA compliance, monitoring and enforcement, differentiation between audio and video recording, and the impact of recording on classroom discussion. Suggestions included educating students on recording expectations through multiple channels and focusing policy language on distribution rather than recording itself.
6. Legal considerations discussed included FERPA, copyright, whistleblower references, and protections for faculty and students when recordings are shared out of context. Several members emphasized considering the purpose and use of recordings, while

cautioning against overly broad policies that presume bad faith. Concerns were raised regarding AI-altered recordings and intentional misuse.

7. President Anderson requested that members submit specific policy language for referral to the Governance and Policy Committee. Submissions will be forwarded to Aharon Grama, Chair of Governance and Policy.
8. Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio reported on behalf of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee, noting that Interim Vice President Yasmin Ali joined the meeting. The committee addressed revisions to the Student Ombudsman role, draft documents on student disciplinary processes and student rights, and the need for further education regarding the Henderson Rules, particularly as they relate to protest activity.
9. The Council discussed the Henderson Rules, noting they are CUNY-wide and may be outdated. Further review was recommended regarding how the Henderson Rules apply under the Brooklyn College Events Protocol.
10. The committees on Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning, and External Relations were unable to meet; plans to meet prior to the April meeting.
11. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.