

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
May 12, 2026

- (7141) Call to order The eighth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2025-2026 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (TREM).
- (7142) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Murelli (CHEM), Yarrow (CLAS), Zhou (CIS), Lauterbach (ECAE), Jiang (HNS), Ness (POLI), Grasso (PSYC), Marsh (THEA); Delegates: Ninan, Paul & Tinkelman (BUSN), Ginsburg & Jain (NBS), Byam & Richards (Prog Dir) were absent (-15); Saxena (BIOL), Levy (CASD), Sandeman (PHYS), Porter (SOCY), Amoo (BUSN), Pan (HUMA), Axen, Kingan & Samaddar (NBS) were excused (9); Administrators – Lynch, McFadden, Suarez, O'Reilly, Coombs & Lucero-Tacuri were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7143) Minutes The minutes of April 14, 2026 were approved by the secretary casting one vote.

(7144) Steering
Committee

Professor Nadell (ENGL) read a tribute in memory of Jacqueline de Weever, Professor Emerita of English. Professor Robinson announced that guidance for syllabus preparation and AI policies was included in the packet. The information will be sent out before the fall, and included on the Brooklyn College website. Faculty were invited to participate in a survey about academic freedom.

(7145) Committee
on Committees

Professors Day (AFST) and McCoy (ART) were nominated to serve on the Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget. Professors Day and McCoy received 44 votes and 24 votes respectively. There were 15 abstentions. The latest slate for Faculty Council committees passed with a vote of 73 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(7146) Degree Lists

Degree Lists 2026/11 & 12 were approved with a vote of 85 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention.

(7147) Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: A motion to separate out pages 4-6 of Curriculum Document 448 failed with a vote of 30 yeas, 50 nays, and 8 abstentions. Curriculum Document 448 was approved with a vote of 74 yeas, 9 nays, and 5 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 295 with changes passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions. The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Academic Integrity: The annual report was accepted.

The Committee on Computer Utilization & Educational Technology: The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Honors: The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Library: The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Review of Interdisciplinary Programs: The annual report was accepted.

Committee of Review of Student Records: The annual report was accepted.

(7148) Communications from the Administration President Anderson provided updates about enrollment numbers for the summer and the application, admission, acceptance, and yield numbers for the fall 2026 semester. She asked that faculty encourage students to enroll in summer and fall classes and thanked the admissions team. She then discussed the recent visit by Michael Bowden, Vice-President of Middle States Commission on Higher Education, who positively assessed the preliminary design of the self-study. Feedback focused on the positive economic impact report, Brooklyn College's national rankings for return on investment, the need to clarify Brooklyn College's governance structure, and the importance of telling Brooklyn College's story – its mission, the success and social mobility of students, the accomplishments of its faculty, Brooklyn College's role as an anchor institution in the borough and New York City as a whole. She provided an update on the latest New York State budget and its potential impact on CUNY and Brooklyn College. She announced a major gift from the Forest Creatures Foundation, establishing a \$5MM endowment for the Leonard Kurz Hub for Student Coaching and Advisement. She discussed the larger campaign to raise funds for students, faculty, and Brooklyn College as a whole and announced recent fundraising successes. A discussion ensued at which the following issues were raised: clarity about MSCHE's messaging on diversity, tuition and application fee waivers for graduate students, course cancellation policies, and enrollment caps, a request to make the case that CUNY Central address disparities in enrollment between Manhattan and outer-borough campuses, and the importance of articulation agreements.

A motion to extend the ending time of Faculty Council to 5:15 failed with a vote of 47 yeas, 35 nays, and 4 abstentions.

(7149) Old Business Faculty Council adjourned before a discussion of and vote on the Resolution to Build Unity in Defense of the BC community and the Resolution Concerning the Reconstitution of the Faculty Council Committee on College Integrity and Academic Freedom.

(7150) New Business Faculty Council adjourned before any new business was raised.

(7151) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson
Chair

Martha Nadell

Secretary