

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
September 15, 2026

- (7152) Call to order The first meeting of Faculty Council for the 2026-2027 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (TREM).
- (7153) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Murelli (CHEM), Zhou (CIS), Shannon (ECAE), Fishman (HIST), Ness (POLI); Delegates: Albarillo (HUMA), Cherrier(NBS), Byam & McCoy (Prog Dir) were absent (-9); Lord (ACCT), Saxena (BIOL), Avivi-Reich (HUMA), Muth & Samaddar (NBS), Estey (Prog Dir), Fry & Sosa (VMPA) were excused (9); Administrators – Lynch, McFadden, Suarez, O'Reilly, Ali, Coombs, Helms & Hussain (student gov) were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7154) Minutes The minutes of May 12, 2026 were approved by the secretary casting one vote.
- (7155) Steering Committee Professor Chen (CISC) read a tribute in memory of Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Emerita of Computer & Information Science. Professor Cumberbatch (AFST) read a tribute in memory of George Cunningham, Professor of Africana Studies. Professor Lopez (FGSC) was elected as the full-time faculty alternate to the University Faculty Senate. Professor Glamboksy (FINC), Lauterbach (ECEA), Paul (ACCT), Miles (PSYC), Braine (SOCY), and Geers (MUSC) were nominated to serve on the Faculty Student Discipline Committee. Professors Park (FINC), Chaung (CISC), Moore (TREM), and Johnson (SOCY) were selected for possible service on the BC Auxiliary Enterprise Corporation Board. Professor Robinson announced that there are service opportunities for faculty to fill the large number of vacancies for delegates-at-large to Faculty Council.
Professor Robinson discussed the work of the Mutual Academic Defense Compact, a national group of faculty governance leaders, which addresses proposed federal changes impact higher education and academic freedom. She stated that she would forward an email from the ad hoc accreditation committee from the AAUP, which calls for comments on US Department of Education's Executive Order,"
Accreditation, Innovation, and Modernization: by 11:59 pm on September 21, 2026.
- (7156) Committee on Committees The latest slate for Faculty Council committees passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(7157) Degree Lists	Degree List 2026/13 was approved with a vote of 87 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention. Degree Lists 2027/1 & 2 were approved with a vote of 85 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention.
(7158) Standing Committees	Committee on General Education: The annual reports for 2024/25 and 2025/26 were accepted. The Committee on Graduate Admissions & Standing: The 2025/26 annual report was accepted. Committee on Disability Accommodation Awareness: The 2025/26 annual report was accepted.
(7159) Communications from the Administration	President Anderson provided an update about the East Quad and discussed Brooklyn College's capital projects, which amount to roughly \$600MM, not including emergency repair work on the Library. She reported that Brooklyn College is working on a vision for the future of the Library in order to raise funds; the process includes consultation with core faculty and meeting with Faculty Council committees. President Anderson affirmed the importance of consultation with faculty and staff and reminded Faculty Council members that she consults with the Fiscal Review Advisory Committee, as well as with faculty advisors, including Professors Ascenzi-Moreno (CBSE), Baek (FINC), Chester (ANTH), Ranjitsingh (AFST), and Tong (THEA), with whom she consults on a monthly basis and who serves as conduits for faculty concerns. She provided updates on enrollment, the budget, and the landscape of higher education nationally. Director Perez spoke about the work of the Immigrant Student Success Office and urged faculty members to announce the work of the office and to refer students. He also suggested that faculty offered curricular flexibility, given the current political climate. A discussion about the following ensued: graduate programs, the number of students lost to other campuses, and the future of community college. A motion to extend the ending time of Faculty Council to 5:15 failed with a vote of 33 yeas, 35 nays, and 8 abstentions.
(7160) 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. Faculty Council adjourned before any new business was raised.

(7161) New
Business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary

