

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
May 12, 2020

- (6630) Call to order The seventh meeting of Faculty Council for the 2019-2020 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Langsam (CISC) via Zoom. Professor Langsam thanked Help Desk Technician Gerasenkov and Application Developer Postoyanets for their efforts in setting up and working on the meeting.
- (6631) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Pham (BUS), Cox (CISC), Lin (FINC), Schnoll (HNS), Ibrahim (HIST), Weston (PSYC), Patkanian (TREM); Delegates: Fischer (BUS), Bowdoin & Raphael (HS&S) & Davenport (NBS) were absent (-11); Administrators: O'Reilly, Queneau & Scott were also absent and excused. All other members were present
- (6632) Minutes of March 10, 2020 The minutes of March 10, 2020 were approved unanimously.
- (6633) Steering Committee Professor Langsam led a moment of silence to remember faculty, staff, students, and their family members lost to COVID-19.
- The "Special Resolution Regarding Emergency Executive Powers for the UCC and GCC Committees" passed with 91 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.
- Professor Langsam announced that the nominations for the BCA board will take place online.
- (6634) Committee on Committees Professor Kobrak (CHEM) was nominated as the new Chair of the Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget. The Secretary cast a single vote of yea, and Professor Kobrak was elected.
- Professor Levy (CASD) presented the latest slate for Faculty Council Committees, which was elected unanimously.

(6635) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 406 passed with a vote of 100 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 257 passed with a vote of 95 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6636) Committee on General Education Professor Troyansky (HIST) presented a report on the White Paper of December 2019 and the “Resolution on Defining General Education Courses and Tweaking the System/Structure,” which passed with 97 yeas, 0 nays, and 4 abstentions.

(6637) Old Business There was no old business.

(6638) New Business President Anderson addressed the Faculty Council on the core governance issue of collaboration in making budgetary decisions. President Anderson affirmed her commitment to shared governance, collaboration, trust, and transparency. She spoke about the charge of the Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, and Budget and described the process of meeting and consulting repeatedly with the committee, as well as meeting and consulting repeatedly with department chairs, program directors, and PSC-CUNY representatives. She assured Faculty Council that she has heard and has tried to be responsive to the feedback from the faculty and its leadership at Brooklyn College. Some faculty members replied by making statements about the dissemination of information, budget cuts and the relationship of pedagogy to those cuts, transparency, potential ways of advocating against those cuts, and concerns about course caps and numbers of sections offered and the effect on students.

(6639) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary