

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
May 14, 2024

Minutes of May 14, 2024

- (6970) Call to order The seventh and final meeting of Faculty Council for the 2023-2024 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6971) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: He (BIOL), Reed (CBSE), Thibodeau (CLAS), Cox (CISC), Boger (EESC). Warren (HIST), Huang (MDLL), Campos (PHIL), Maumus (PHIL), Theoharis (POLS) Hardin (PSYC) : Delegates: Paul (BUSN), Contel & Schvarzstein (NBS), Jannone (Prog Dir) were absent (-15); Chiu (BUSN), Murelli (CHEM), Klein (ECON), Alexakos (SEED), Bradley-Sanders (Huma), Hubbard & Weiss (NBS), Rodman & Snider-Stein (VMPA) were excused (10): Administrators – Connell & Cumming were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6972) Minutes of April 9, 2024 The minutes of April 9, 2024 were approved unanimously.
- (6973) Steering Committee Professor Shortell announced that the CUNY COACHE team is soliciting feedback from faculty across CUNY campuses. He also requested feedback on the draft of the priorities for Brooklyn College's response to its COACHE survey. Professor Shortell then provided an update about the possible changes to the CUNY by-laws and responses to it. Professor Lynch (BUMA) also reported on the chairs' response to the proposed changes to the by-laws. A discussion about strategies for providing feedback followed.

- (6974) Committee on Committees The latest slate was approved with a vote of 76 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.
- (6975) Degree List Degree Lists 2024/11 & 12 were approved with a vote of 76 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.
- (6976) Reports of Standing Committees
- Committee on Master Planning, Budget, & Educational Policy: The “Resolution to Establish an Advanced Certificate in Perinatal Mental Health at Brooklyn College” passed. The “Resolution on Travel Funds” passed with a vote of 70 yeas, 6 nays, and 0 abstentions. A discussion of the New Program Guide occurred; the guide was approved with a vote of 75 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 433 was approved with a vote of 75 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 283 was approved with a vote of 75 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- Committee on General Education: Professor Robinson (TREM) provided an update on the work of the Ad Hoc General Education committee on the college option.
- Committee on Admissions: Professor Simon (ART) read the Statement on Staffing.
- Committee on Academic Integrity: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- Committee on Graduate Admissions & Standards: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- Committee on Student Records: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- (6977) Communications President Anderson updated Faculty Council on fundraising and recruitment events for current donors, Brooklyn College students, and faculty, and others. She

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listed several fundraising achievements and lobbying efforts at the federal, city, and borough level. She then discussed the latest enrollment numbers for summer 2024 and fall 2024 and the challenges posed by the FAFSA problem, as well as efforts to address them. She reminded members that many of the students that will graduate on May 24, 2024 missed their high school graduation, because of the pandemic. She then discussed the recent decision to move outdoor events indoors, including the local and national context, timing, safety concerns, student and faculty consultation, and changes in location of recent and upcoming events and the impact of those changes.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert informed Faculty Council that CUNY has received its budget allocation. He expects that CUNY campuses will receive news of their allocations at the June Board of Trustees meeting, after which he will meet with the Fiscal Advisory Committee to develop Brooklyn College's financial plan. He provided an update about the RFPs for food services on campus.

Provost Bedford announced the successful conclusion of the search a scholar for Asian American Studies, whose position will be in the History Department. She then discussed Brooklyn College practices for line requests, the possibility for future searches, the CUNY stipulation that Brooklyn College adhere to a "2 for 1" policy for hiring across all positions at Brooklyn College. She will meet with Master Planning to develop a process and timeline for future searches.

A discussion ensued, during which the following were addressed: the timeline for searches, the total budget for CUNY, substitute lines and the number of personnel at Brooklyn College, the "2 for 1" policy, Public Safety's practices and actions on campus, the rise in executive compensation from 2018-2023, the outdoor event policy and the process by which decisions about it were made, the messages suggested by the outdoor events policy, shared governance, and security.

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 36 yeas, 15 nays, and 4 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary