

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
April 8, 2025

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| (7041) Call to order | The seventh meeting of Faculty Council for the 2024-2025 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (TREM). |
| (7042) Roll call | The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Fischer (ACCT), Day (AFST), Rahman (ANTH), He (BIOL), Connell (BUSN), Reed (CBSE), Yarrow (CLAS), Jiang (HNS), Warren (HIST), Maumus (PHIL), Ness (POLS), Mena (PRLS); Delegates: Byam (Prog Dir), Albarillo & Bayoumi (HUMA) Benes (NBS) were absent (-16); Langsam (CISC), Cohen (MUSC), Sandeman (PHYS) & Rodman (VMPA) were excused (4); Administrators – Galitz, O'Reilly were also absent and excused. All other members were present. |
| (7043) Minutes of March 11, 2025 | The minutes of March 11, 2025 were approved with a vote of 71 yeas, 1 yea, and 0 abstentions. |
| (7044) Steering Committee | Professor Robinson asked that nominations for the Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) be sent to Provost Bedford and that she be cc'ed by April 27, 2025. She also announced that, at future meetings, announcements should be distributed to Faculty Council members as handouts at the door. |

(7045)
Communications
from the
Administration

President Anderson announced that the New York State budget has been delayed. She then provided an update about the latest fall enrollment figures, including the number of applications and acceptances. She asked that, if requested, faculty members participate in spring and summer events designed to increase yield. She then spoke about the importance of collective action on the part of college presidents in addressing federal executive orders. Director of the Immigrant Student Success Office Perez spoke about the work of the office to provide academic, emotional, and social support to students and its efforts to identify and decrease barriers to student success. He announced the Immigrant Student Success Summit for staff on April 13 and stressed the importance of affirming Brooklyn College's commitment to be a model of inclusive, immigrant-affirming education.

Executive Legal Counsel Helms spoke about legal issues around the protection of immigrant students, staff, and faculty: federal executive orders, New York State and federal laws, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and CUNY's policies on immigration enforcement and the collection of data about CUNY students' immigration status, as well as Brooklyn College policies and procedures. She reminded Faculty Council about a recent townhall with Attorney General James, support from CUNY's Office of General Counsel and outside counsel, and campus resources for students. She then answered questions raised at the previous meeting of Faculty Council. Executive Legal Counsel Helms then reported on legal matters and procedures related to Title VI: the CUNY Title VI webpage, the definition of Title VI, the CUNY policy of Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination, procedures and policies for reporting discrimination and retaliation based on protected class status, and actions when protected speech may create a hostile environment. She announced that the Chancellor is in the process of creating a task force on academic freedom.

Provost Bedford spoke about her office's procedures and practices for Title VI complaints, including follow-up conversations in the interest of community accountability, conducted not only by the Provost but also by Deans and Chairs; documentation; the types of concerns raised by students; and the importance of providing classroom management and pedagogical support for faculty.

A conversation followed at which the following were discussed: public safety policies at Brooklyn College's gates, conversations among campus governance leaders, the presence of police at the WEB Building, the impact of federal executive orders on students, attendance policies, and the number of international students on campus.

(7046) Degree
List

Degree Lists 2025/10 was approved with a vote of 84 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

(7047) Standing
Committees

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 288 was approved with a vote of 84 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: The amendment to remove Music 2109: Special Topic, "Hip Hop Music and Culture" was approved with a vote of 79 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions. Curriculum Document 439 with changes was approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Academic Integrity: The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Honors: The annual report was accepted.

Professor Cohen (MUSC) provided an update about the most recent meetings of the University Faculty Senate (in previous packet)

(7048) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(7059) New
Business

There was no new business.

(7050)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **4:35 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary