

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
May 13, 2025

- (7051) Call to order The eighth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2024-2025 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Robinson (TREM).
- (7052) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Reed (CBSE), Lauterbach (ECAE), Boger (EE&S), Paul (ECON), Haine (FGSC), Warren (HIST), Suarez (PHYS), McCabe (SPCL); Delegates: Tinkelman (BUSN), Blitzer (EDUC), Vitale (HUMA) were absent (-11); Chiu (BUSN), Zolkower (EDUC) & Fuse (HUMA) were excused (3); Administrators – Galitz, O'Reilly, Lynch were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7053) Minutes of April 11, 2025 The minutes of April 11, 2025 were approved with a vote of 73 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.
- (7054) Steering Committee Professor Sandeman read a minute to mark the passing of Professor Franco. Professor Robinson presented honorary gavels to former Chairs of Faculty Council Professor Langsam (CISC) and Shortell (SOCY) and a plaque to honor 25 years of service and dedication to Faculty Council office secretary Kathleen Busacco Streffacio. The Resolution to “Build a New York State Alliance in Defense of Higher Education” passed with a vote of 76 yeas, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions.
- (7055) Communications from the Administration President Anderson discussed what transpired on the Brooklyn College campus on May 8, 2025, including the events themselves and the decision-making process around them. A conversation ensued, at which the following issues were discussed: the campus response to the encampment established on the East Quad, the decision of the administration to call the police to clear the encampment and suggestions for approaching that decision with objectivity, the implications of the presence of tents on the East Quad, the Brooklyn College Events Protocol, the Henderson Rules, the reactions of students to the protest and encampment and then the police on campus, the actions of the police on campus and in front of Hillel, free speech, student safety, communications from the Brooklyn College administration about the events that transpired,

and the role of faculty, staff, and students on the campus safety advisory committee.

(7056)

Committee on
Committees

The latest slate with changes passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(7057) Degree
Lists

Degree Lists 2025/11 & 12 were approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention

(7058) Standing
Committees

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 289 with changes was approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 44 0with changes was approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on College Integrity & Academic Freedom: The “Resolution to Build a New York State Alliance in Defense of Higher Education, Academic Freedom, and Research as Public Goods in a Democratic Society” passed with a vote of 77 yeas, 6 nays, and 0 abstentions.

A motion to move the remainder of the governance work to the first meeting of the fall 2025 semester passed with a vote of 81 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(7059) Old Business

There was no old business.

(7060) New
Business

There was no new business.

(7061) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MJ Robinson
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary