

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
February 16, 2021

- (6685) Call to order      The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2020-2021 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Langsam (CISC) via Zoom.
- (6686) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Byam (AFST), Hadler (ART), Basil (BIO), Pham (BUS), Shannon (ECAE), Dunbar (KINS), Childers (MLAN), Weston (PSYC); Delegates: Fischer (BUS), Bowdoin & Raphael (HSS) O'Connor-Petruso (EDUC) were absent (-12); Administrators: Coombs, Lopes, Scharron Del Rio & Tolia were also absent and excused. All other members were present
- (6687) Minutes of December 8, 2020      The minutes of December 8, 2020 with changes were approved unanimously.
- (6688) Steering Committee      Professor Langsam announced that University Faculty Senate elections will take place online. Nominations will be held from February 22-26, 2021 and elections from March 22-26, 2021.
- (6689) Communications from the Administration      President Anderson reflected on the challenging nature of Brooklyn College's fifth pandemic semester and expressed her gratitude to Faculty Council members for their service to Brooklyn College. She announced that the Stated Meeting of the Faculty will take place on April 6, 2021 at 12:30. She updated Faculty Council on the November Faculty Council resolution, including the process for the appointment of a staff member to the support staff screening committee and the progress in the identification of an outside consultant to guide Brooklyn College's work on anti-racist policies. She announced that the CR/NC policy would not be extended to the spring 2021 semester and stated that Faculty Council may wish to review Brooklyn College's P/F policies. President Anderson announced five new faculty mentors to

support junior faculty. President Anderson discussed planning for a flexible fall reopening, which will prioritize public health and safety. She announced major fundraising successes, including a \$1M grant for the Mellon Undergraduate Transfer Student Program from the Mellon Foundation, a bequest of \$866,000 for student scholarships, and a \$150K for student emergency grants from the Robin Hood Foundation. President Anderson announced that hundreds of spring bursar holds were lifted and that roughly \$500,000 was raised to pay off student debt, that the completion grant program was expanded to graduate students, and that funds were raised for graduate student scholarships.

Provost Lopes reported on CARES funding, which is supporting teaching and learning assistants for 154 sections and is able to handle additional sections. She asked that anyone interested in teaching or learning assistants for their courses to contact her. Provost Lopes reported on the ACUE grant for faculty development in online teaching and its benefits for addressing DFIW grades in online among students from underrepresented groups. She spoke about an NSF grant to look at disparities in faculty service and to promote best practices in mentoring. Provost Lopes announced that Brooklyn College received a grant to create a center for entrepreneurship and innovation for students.

Senior Vice-President for Finance and Administration Gilbert discussed reaching out to faculty for their thoughts on fall re-entry, the recent facilities town hall and the progress in the renovation of the cupola. He then turned to stimulus money, focusing on the student and institutional portions of CARES funding, as well as funds from CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act).

Senior Vice President for Enrollment Services O'Reilly discussed current enrollment trends across CUNY, as well as Brooklyn College spring enrollment numbers. The focus in the fall will be on maximizing first-year enrollment and increasing graduate enrollment, as well as international student enrollment.

A discussion about a number of issues followed, including campus safety for fall re-entry, the format of the upcoming budget meeting, the morale of the Brooklyn College community, stimulus funding, the New York State budget, and lobbying efforts for the New Deal for CUNY

(6690)  
Committee on  
Committees

Professor Levy (CASD) thanked all participants on Faculty Council committees and encourage all to fill out the form for next year's committee.

(6691) Degree Lists Degree Lists 2021/7 & 8 were approved with a vote of 87 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6692) Reports of Standing Committees Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 410 with changes was approved with changes with a vote of 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: An amendment to restore Economics 7020X and 7021X to Section A-III of Curriculum Document 261 passed with a vote of 33 yeas, 22 nays, and 35 abstentions. Curriculum Document 261 with changes passed with a vote of 70 yeas, 6 nays, and 13 abstentions.

The "Resolution on the Governance of Curriculum" passed with a vote of 84 yeas, 3 nays, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Honorary Degree: The Review of the Committees Slate was presented.

(6693) Old Business There was no old business.

(6694) New Business A discussion about the process of changing Brooklyn College's curriculum took place.

(6695) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary