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

- (6708) Call to order The seventh meeting of Faculty Council for the 2020-21 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Langsam (CISC) via Zoom.
- (6709) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Childers (MLAN), Lewis (MUSC); Delegates: Bowdoin (HSS) O'Connor-Petruso (EDUC) & Nissenbaum (Prog Dir) were absent (-5); Alonso (MLAN, Bank Munoz (HSS) & Cohen (VMPA) were excused (-3); Administrators: Bedford, Coombs & Scharron Del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6710) Minutes of March 16, 2021 The minutes of March 16, 2021 will be presented as the next meeting of Faculty Council.
- (6711) Steering Committee Professor Langsam announced the results of the election for the University Faculty Senate and the recipient of the Commencement 2021 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Dr. Joanne Waldstreicher, Chief Medical Officer, Johnson & Johnson.
- (6712) Communications from the Administration President Anderson updated Faculty Council on this year's budget, as well next year's projected budget, including the beginning of the closure of the TAP gap, the maintenance of tuition levels, the maintenance of effort, and the rescinding of the current 5% cut.
- President Anderson referred Faculty Council to her "Return to Campus" letters and announced a series of "Return to Campus" forums. She spoke about the complexities and uncertainties about returning to campus, scheduling, course, modalities, transparency in the re-entry decision-making, membership of the Re-entry Review Board, and CUNY Central's authority over policy decision about vaccine and about the authorization and

dissemination of federal stimulus funds. She spoke about her efforts to lobby CUNY Central for campus flexibility in the use of stimulus funds.

President Anderson reported on the administration's response to "Recovery through Equity and Priorities for Pandemic Relief," a statement on which was faculty voted at the most recent Stated Meeting of the Faculty. She commented on the statement's call for the following: using stimulus funds for direct aid to students, scheduling of classes to ensure adequate offerings for students to progress to degree, preparing of campus facilities for a safe return to in-person instruction, compensating for contingent faculty for unpaid labor during the transition to online instruction, reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for remote work, prioritizing of tenure-track faculty and replacing vacancies in the Departments of Africans and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, expanding curricular offerings in Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Indigenous Studies, and communicating monthly updates about the use of stimulus funds.

President Anderson reported on CAP's new memo on the promotion and tenure and the process of handling complaints about faculty misconduct.

Provost Lopes spoke about the Academic Continuity #27 and the process for getting access to campus.

Senior Vice-President for Finance and Administration Gilbert announced that Brooklyn College received its first reimbursements from stimulus funds and called attention to his regular town halls.

A conversation followed about CUNY Central's consolidation of federal relief funds, class size, adjunct hiring, the teaching assistant program (supported by stimulus funds), classroom capacity, and data about complaints and resolution of complaints about faculty conduct.

(6713) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Levy (CASD) reported on the most recent meeting of the University Faculty Senate, during which the revision to the by-laws, establishing adjunct membership, failed due to low attendance.

(6714) Degree
List

Degree List 2021/10 were approved with a vote of 88 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6715) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 412 with changes was

approved with changes with a vote of 89 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 261 with a vote of 91 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Library: The annual report was submitted and accepted.

Committee on Review of Interdisciplinary Programs: The "Resolution Affirming the Value of Interdisciplinary Programs to Brooklyn College" passed with a vote of 87 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

(6716) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(6717) New
Business

Professor Elizalde-Utnick (SPLC) called attention to the increase in incidents of academic integrity violations and urged faculty to consider for in-person exams for the fall 2021 semester.

Professor Klein (ECON) presented the "Resolution on CUNY Re-Entry Plans," which passed with a vote of 81 yeas, 3 nays, and 5 abstentions.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary

