

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
October 19, 2021

- (6743) Call to order The second meeting of Faculty Council for the 2021-22 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Langsam (CISC) via Zoom.
- (6744) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Day (AFST), Schur & Yarrow (CLAS), Klein (ECON), Hernandez Anzola (FIEN), MacDonald (FILM), Childers (MLAN), Ness (POLS), Murrow (SEED) & Bloomfield (SPCL); Delegates: were absent (-10); Georgas (HSS), Hainline (NBS) & Wills (Prog Dir) were excused (-3); Administrators: Conelli, Lopes, Tolias, McGinnis, Uctum & Bedford were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6745) Minutes of May 11, 2021 & September 15, 2021 The minutes of May 11, 2021 and September 15, 2021 were approved unanimously.
- (6746) Steering Committee Professor Levy (CASC) announced that an election for members of the Steering Committee for Faculty Council will take place at the November 2021 meeting of Faculty Council. The election will include Chair, Secretary and two at-large members.
- (6747) Communications from the Administration President Anderson provided updates about the high vaccination rates among student, faculty, and staff and the universal masking mandate on campus. She then shared and discussed CUNY Central's latest guidelines for the spring semester, which include a minimum of 70% in-person and a maximum of 30% online courses, approval mechanisms for online and hybrid courses, the assignment of online courses to those trained in online instruction, and the requirement for all full-time faculty to teach at least one in-person course (except for those with accommodations). She then turned to enrollment challenges and recent student surveys, which point to Brooklyn College's reputational challenges, and urged all to commit to an "ethic of care." President Anderson called attention to the virtual front desk and a forthcoming

document, which identifies key contacts for problems that may arise for students. President Anderson discussed the CUNY budget proposal, which covers all costs for next year and freezes tuition, provides additional support for students, faculty lines, and upgrades to the physical plant. She spoke about lobbying efforts among incoming state and local elected officials. President Anderson then provided a philanthropy update, including funds for internships and emergency needs.

Provost Lopes discussed the development of a certification program for online teaching.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Alan Gilbert announced the appointment of the new Assistant Vice President of Facilities Donovan Allen, who introduced himself to Faculty Council. SVP Gilbert then discussed the random testing protocol and announced the forthcoming protocol about how faculty should proceed when they learn a student tests positive or shows symptoms of COVID and the use of BC Navigator for campus access and WIFI information.

A conversation about the following issues followed: vaccination and testing requirements for in-person teaching, racism on campus, the safety of Brooklyn College's physical plant and the status of repairs and maintenance, the proposal for certification for online teaching and its relationship to the spring schedule, ADA accommodations and medical exemptions, CUNY Central's guidance for the spring semester, faculty hiring, and office space.

(6748) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) reported on the University Faculty Senate Meeting of September 28, 2021. The following issues were discussed: the roll-out of openings across different campuses, communications from CUNY Central, the vaccine mandate, the university provost search, CUNY enrollment, and the resolution on the nature of shared governance at CSI.

(6749) Degree
List

Degree List 2022/3 was approved with a vote of 89 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6739) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 414 with changes was approved with a vote of 73 yeas, 0 nays, and 8 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Admissions: The annual report was submitted and accepted.

Committee on Honorary Degrees: Professor Grubbs (MUSC) announced that the call for honorary degrees has gone out.

(6740) Old Business There was no old business.

(6741) New Business There was no new business.

(6742) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Levy
Acting Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary