

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

- (6754) Call to order The third meeting of Faculty Council for the 2021-22 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Langsam (CISC) via Zoom.
- (6755) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Fischer (ACCT), Danto (FILM & FEIN), Fry (TREM); Delegates were absent (-3); Napoli (HIST) & Grubbs (VMPA) were excused (-2); Administrators: Bedford & Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6756) Minutes of October 19, 2021 The minutes of October 19, 2021 were approved unanimously.
- (6757) Steering Committee An election for members of the Steering Committee for Faculty Council took place. Professors Langsam and Shortell (SOCY) were nominated for Chair. Professor Shortell was elected with votes of 50 votes, with 40 votes to Professor Langsam and 3 abstentions. Professor Nadell (ENGL) was nominated and elected as Secretary with one vote cast by the Secretary. Professors Cumberbatch (AFST) and Florence (SEED) were nominated and elected as at-large members with one vote cast by the Secretary. Professor Shortell took over the running of the meeting, following the elections.
- Professor Shortell announced that the election for the Committee on Committees will take place at the December meeting of Faculty Council.
- A discussion of the Resolution Regarding Teaching Modality followed and addressed the following issues: who decides about teaching modality (chair or faculty member); effective pedagogy for instructional modalities; other considerations, including accreditation, the mechanism for determining modalities, training for and experience in online instruction, the importance of considering and coordinating course offerings across Brooklyn

College as a whole. The question was called with a vote of 78 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. The resolution passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 13 nays, and 6 abstentions.

(6758)
Communications
from the
Administration

President Anderson announced the dissemination of a reference guide, with names and contact information, to help students resolve any issues that may come up. President Anderson announced that she has no information about a CUNY mandate for booster shots. She discussed the pace of the return to campus. She then shared a brief presentation about Brooklyn College transfer students, which included information about trends in enrollment, previous institutions of current transfer students, demographic information, graduation rates, credit evaluation and loss, TAP and the loss of financial aid, out-of-pocket costs, the competitive environment for transfer students, and the time taken for credit evaluation. She then raised questions about the transfer process.

A discussion followed about a number of issues, including TAP constraints, lobbying efforts, support and resources for quicker transfer evaluations, transfer students' time-to-degree, international student transfer credit analysis, the New Deal for CUNY, students' credit loads, transfer student retention and treatment.

(6759) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) reported on the University Faculty Senate Meeting of October 26, 2021. Interim University Provost Lemons and former Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz were guests. The following issues were discussed: student COVID and vaccination rates, new faculty lines, the 70%/30% mandate for in-person/online modalities, enrollment trends, governance, the Transfer Opportunity Project survey, and the SUNY/CUNY faculty gap and its relationship to the racial demographics of the two systems.

(6760) Degree
List

Degree List 2022/4 was approved with a vote of 95 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6761) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 415 with changes was approved with a vote of 88 yeas, 1 nay, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Standards: Curriculum Document 265 with changes was approved with a vote of 89 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

(6762) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(6763) New
Business

Professor Perez y Gonzalez (PRLS) and others thanked Professor Langsam for his fierce advocacy for faculty governance and for his years of service as Chair of Faculty Council Steering.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary