

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
October 25, 2022

Minutes of September 13, 2022

- (6822) Call to order The first meeting of Faculty Council for the 2022-23 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6823) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Chiu (BUSN), Thibodeau (CLAS), MacDonald (FILM), Shapiro (Judaic), Mallery (LIBR), Suzuki (MATH); Delegates: Entin & Georgas (Humanities), Jensen-Moulton (VMPA) were absent (-9); Xie (ACCT), Lynch (BUSN), Reed (CBSE), Danto (FILM/FGSC), Chang (MDLL), Estey (POLS), Kozbelt & Hardin (PSYC), Tomkiewicz (PHYS), Aja (PRLS), Agoos, Banerjee & Carp (Humanities), Jiesamfoek (EDUC), Jiang (NBS), Cohen & Rodman (VMPA) were excused (17); Administrators Conell, Cumming, Gilbert, King, O'Reilly & Tolia were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6824) Minutes of May 10, 2022 The minutes of May 10, 2022 were approved unanimously.
- (6824) Steering Committee Professor Shortell announced that a special election for vacancies on the Committee on Committees will take place at the October meeting of Faculty Council. Professor Shortell raised the importance of using Faculty Council as a deliberative space in which the governance theme for the year – innovation – can be discussed, as we build a student-centered culture in the context of our emergence from the pandemic and our enrollment challenges. He asked that Faculty Council committees explore innovation and requested that faculty discuss innovation at department level and bring ideas to subsequent Faculty Council meetings.

(6826)
Communications
from the
Administration

President Anderson introduced new members of the administration: Executive Legal Counsel Sarah Luke, Assistant Vice-President for Budget Gissette Forte, and the Director of the LGBTQ Resource Center Kelly Spivey.

President Anderson then discussed Brooklyn College's enrollment challenges and strategies to address those challenges. In addition, she discussed the implications of reduced enrollment on the budget and student services, the replacement of faculty and staff, and the upkeep of facilities. She then spoke about the strategic enrollment management (SEM) plan and urged faculty to read it. She emphasized the importance of addressing enrollment challenges in significant and creative student-centered ways. She announced that SVP O'Reilly will have an open forum on enrollment on September 20.

President Anderson then discussed following: the administration's response to the April 2022 Faculty Council resolution supporting advisement and admissions, the budget, facilities issues, the replacement of faulty printers on campus, part-time TAP, the development of Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies, fundraising, and the Comeback Commencement Celebration of the classes of 2020 and 2021. She then discussed the importance of respectful collaboration and its connection to the faculty governance theme of innovation. A conversation ensued, during which the following issues were discussed: transfers internal to CUNY and credit evaluation, enrollment challenges, the new TAP policies' impact on enrollment and budget and the size of Brooklyn College's student population, the mission of Brooklyn College, the recruitment of students who have stopped out, and the importance of conducting research about the students who are not enrolling in Brooklyn College

Provost Lopes spoke about plans for 25 Broadway. She then introduced Interim Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Rosamond King, Interim Dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts María Pérez y González, Interim Dean of the School of Education Maria Scharrón-del Rio, Senior Associate Provost April Bedford, Faculty Associate for Research T.R. Muth, and Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Malka Simons. She described the line allocation process for new searches and the substitute and lecturer lines for PRLS. Provost Lopes then discussed department dynamics at the Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema. She announced that the

BRESI program will fund 17 projects at Brooklyn College and discussed developments in credit for prior learning. A conversation ensued, during which the following issues were discussed: the election of the chair at the Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, the administration of Feirstein in relation to School of Visual, Media, and Performing Arts and Academic Affairs, parallels between the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies and Feirstein, the importance of articulating Brooklyn College's identity in relation to how lines are allocated, and campus leadership's approach to CUNY Central's decisions.

(6827)
Committee on
Committees

The latest slate passed with a vote of 62 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

(6828)
University
Faculty Senate
Liaison

There was no report.

(6829) Degree
List

Degree Lists 2022/13 & 2023/1 & 2 were approved with a vote of 60 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6830) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Course & Standing: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Admissions: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Student Records: The annual report was presented and accepted.

(6831) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(6832) New
Business

A discussion of the possibility of approving a new Accounting Department online program.

(6833)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary