

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 7, 2023

Minutes of February 7, 2023

- (6877) Call to order The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2022-23 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6878) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Rifkin (BUSN), Thibodeau (CLAS), Danto & MacDonald (FILM), Axen (HNS), Flatto (Judaic), Maumus (PHIL), Parmar (SEED); Delegates: Elizalde-Utnick (EDUC), Davenport (NBS) were absent (-10); Napoli (History), Langsam (CIS), Banerjee (Humanities), Rodman (VMPA) were excused (4); Administrators Bedford, Cumming, Eaton, Hu, McGinnis, O'Reilly, Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6879) Minutes of November 15, 2022 The minutes of November 15, 2022 were approved unanimously.
- (6880) Steering Committee Professor Shortell announced the election for vacancies for the University Faculty Senate, which will take place online. He also announced that faculty will receive an email for the COACHE survey and urged all to participate.
- (6881) Communications from the Administration President Anderson first discussed enrollment and addressed the following: the national context for higher education enrollment; the latest data about enrollment at Brooklyn College; the importance for retention and enhanced advisement of EAB Navigate, which has the capacity for direct communication with students; the importance of robust summer enrollment for retention and degree completion; the latest data about applications, admissions, and yield; efforts to increase yield; and

possibilities for faculty interested in connecting with students (using EAB Navigate and attendance at admitted students days, which will take place of March 19, 2023 and April 19, 2023). President Anderson then turned to the vision for Brooklyn College. She spoke about the following: Brooklyn College's mission; the importance of a student-centered campus; the Strategic Enrollment Management plan; and Brooklyn College signature mentoring efforts, including Tow Mentoring Initiative and other initiatives.

Senior Vice Presidents for Finance and Administration Gilbert discussed the work of the Fiscal Review Advisory Committee (FRAC); town halls about the budget; the CUNY-wide hiring freeze and the Vacancy Review Board; and the budget savings targets required of all campuses by CUNY Central.

A discussion about the following ensued: the impact of the hiring freeze on adjuncts; the vision of Brooklyn College and how it stands out from those of other institutions of higher education; the New York State budget and CUNY Central's response to it; the search for new deans; the importance of part-time students; part-time TAP; and class size in first year general education and composition courses.

(6882)
Committee on
Committees

The latest slate was approved with a vote of 90 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6883) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) provided an update about the December, 2022 meeting of the University Faculty Senate, at which the following were discussed: the draft for the recommendations about recognizing and supporting teaching excellence; the faculty survey on student transfer; and a report from the SUNY Faculty Senate.

(6884) Degree
List

Degree Lists 2023/7 & 8 were approved with a vote of 90 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6885) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 423 was approved with a vote of 87 yeas, 0 nay, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 273 with changes

was approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Course & Standing: The Resolution on Graduation with Honors passed with a vote of 56 yeas, 24 nays, and 7 abstentions.

(6886) Old
Business

The Rapid Transfer Response Team Pilot Resolution passed with a vote of 79 yeas, 4 nays, and 3 abstentions.

(6887) New
Business

There was no new business.

(6888)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary