

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
September 12, 2023

Minutes of May 9, 2023

- (6889) Call to order The seventh meeting of Faculty Council for the 2022-23 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6890) Roll call Representatives: Rifkin (BUSN), Thibodeau (CLAS), Cox (CIS), McFadden (ECAE), Danto, MacDonald (FILM), Mohanty (FINC), Flatto (JUDS), Hardin (PSCY), Parmar (SEED), McCabe (SPCL): Delegates: Bradley-Sanders (HUMA), Rabin & Schvarzstein (NBS) were absent (-14); Cumberbatch (AFST), Langsam (CISC), Vlady (BUSN), Goldberg (ECON), Chang (MLL), Estey (POLs), Rodman (VMPA) were excused (7): Administrators Bedford, Cumming, Connell, Eaton, Hu, O'Reilly, Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6891) Minutes of March 28, 2023 The minutes of March 28, 2023 were approved unanimously.
- (6892) Steering Committee Professor Shortell thanked Kathy Bussaco for all of her hard work during the year. He announced the online election for the Secretary of the Faculty and for members of the Committee on Review. He asked that Faculty Council members email him with suggestions for the governance theme for the following academic year.
- (6893) Communications from the Administration President Anderson discussed the current Fall 2023 enrollment data and the need for a multi-year plan to increase enrollment, including enhanced recruitment of new students and retention of current students. She spoke

about the campus vision to guide Brooklyn College forward. She pointed to the need to focus our efforts on Brooklyn College's mission statement, and respond to the impact of the global pandemic, both nationally and locally in Brooklyn. She called for an expansion of the vision of Brooklyn College as a student-centered campus, in response to the challenges and the needs created by the pandemic and to the experiences of students, who have found connecting with others and navigating Brooklyn College's complex bureaucracy challenging. Student-centeredness can include creating a welcoming and inclusive campus culture, in which all members of the campus community are advocates for students, as well as the development of mentoring programs for faculty, staff, and all students. She reported on demographic shifts in the student body and the development of opportunities for social and economic mobility, including those offered by the Magner Career Center and the STEM healthcare pipeline work. She reported on Brooklyn College's efforts to become an R3 institution; work on infrastructure to support this effort, as well as other capital projects; fundraising successes for transfer student support, Centers of Academic Excellence, and other Brooklyn College programs and initiatives; and the need for coordinated and extensive recruitment strategies. She called for all to work together to become a more student-centered campus.

Provost Lopes thanked everyone for their hard work during the year and provided updates about faculty searches, the first-year seminar pilot project, the healthcare pipeline work with high schools, and assessment.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert reported on the plan developed by the Fiscal Review Advisory Committee (FRAC), the potential New York State budget, and capital projects.

A discussion about the following ensued: student expectations about teaching modalities, faculty support of students, the impact of the budget on personnel, the resources necessary for Brooklyn College's being a student-centered campus (staffing and infrastructure), lobbying, the importance of the front-line offices, fundraising, the campus climate for black students, the number of black faculty at Brooklyn College, and the relationship between Brooklyn College and the local Caribbean community.

(6894)
Committee on
Committees

The latest slate for Faculty Council committees passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

(6895) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) provided an update about the most recent University Faculty Senate meeting, at which Interim Vice Chancellor of Finance and Budget and Chief Financial Officer Chiappa spoke about the New York State Budget. Also discussed was the CUNY savings plan.

(6896) Degree
List

Degree Lists 2023/11 & 12 were approved with a vote of 80 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6897) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 426 was approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 275 was approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on General Education: Professor Evans (LIBR) reported on a recent meeting of the Committee on General Education at which was discussed general education requirements in relation to majors, smooth transfer experiences, and Brooklyn College's unique general education courses.

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

Committee on Master Planning and Steering: A discussion about innovation addressed the following issues: the relationship between school structure and vision and mission, the roles and responsibilities of deans, creativity in the design of the general education curriculum, academic and social goals in relation to school structure, the possibility of using backwards design in addressing school structure, and interdisciplinarity and its future at Brooklyn College.

(6898) Old
Business

The Board of Trustees is anticipated to approve the membership change to include interdisciplinary programs. If that occurs, the change will take place in the next academic year.

(6899) New
Business

Professor Brodsky (JUST) announced an event in honor of
Professor Reguer's (JUST) fifty years at Brooklyn College.
Professor Regalado (LIBR) announced Faculty Day.

(6900)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary

