

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
March 26, 2025 General Meeting
5:00pm, Gold Room, Student Center

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost April Bedford, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Executive Legal Counsel Jaclyn Helms, Interim Dean James Lynch, Interim Dean Paula Massood, Dean Philip Napoli, Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio, Dean Peter Tolia, Professor Jillian Cavanaugh, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Joseph Entin, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mona Hadler, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor MJ Robinson, Professor Malka Simon, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Patricia Antoniello, Noam Abrahams (USG), Nitu Farhin (USG), Naomi Hymowitz (USG), Taseen Islam (USG), Jaia Jones (USG), Cyle Paul (USG), Carmine Tepedino (USG), Jonathan Colon (GSO), Jamie Jones (GSO).

Absent: Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Professor Karen McFadden, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Brian Sowers, Anna Belenko (USG), Carrie Ebbin (USG), Malak Elsaidy (USG), Doha Nemr (USG).

Non-voting: Sadiya Hoque, Gregory Barco, Catherine Freeland, Aharon Grama, Jesus Perez.

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
2. President Anderson provided general updates and discussed her involvement with the President's Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration.
3. Jamie Jones (GSO) nominated Jonathan Colon (GSO) to serve as Secretary. Jonathan (GSO) accepted the nomination. A correction was noted for the February minutes. Noam Abrahams (USG) moved to approve the corrected February 19, 2025 minutes; Jamie (GSO) seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. President Anderson appointed Aharon Grama as Chair of Governance and Policy Committee.
5. Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert provided a written report on behalf of the Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee.
6. Dean Maria Scharron del-Rio provided an oral report on Faculty-Student Relations. The committee discussed strategies to support vulnerable students and collaborated with Marketing and Communications to develop signage and related logos for private spaces.

7. Multi-year rotational scheduling and degree maps were discussed, noting that degree maps must align with career maps and the College Bulletin. The Registrar will clarify whether inactive courses in the Bulletin appear in Coursedog. Professor Douglas Cohen stated that courses inactive for five years are flagged, and those inactive for ten years are removed from the catalog.
8. Jamie (GSO) moved to adjourn the meeting; Professor Jillian Cavanaugh seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Policy Council – Fiscal, Infrastructure, and Planning Meeting Summary

March 20, 2025

Meeting notes:

- **Open Forum Agenda:** Alan discussed the agenda for the upcoming Open Forum, which will focus on capital projects, community spaces, food services, and the budget. He sought feedback from the group.
- **Faculty Priorities:** Joseph suggested that Alan address the state of the library, including physical issues like leaks and access gates, as well as staffing shortages.
- **Budget and Staffing:** Alan provided an update on the budget, mentioning that the campus is no longer considered high concern, which allows for more flexibility, but does not add money to the budget. He also discussed ongoing challenges and the need to wait for the State budget to determine future allocations.
- **Capital Projects Timeline:** Alan explained that the timeline for capital projects, including the East Quad and Ingersoll Roosevelt, is being coordinated with CUNY. He mentioned specific projects like the installation of HVAC in the 1310 and 2310 Ingersoll lecture halls and the modernization of some spaces.
- **Community Spaces Funding:** Alan announced that the college received \$2 million for community spaces and is working on scoping projects in buildings not currently undergoing major renovations. He emphasized the importance of creating spaces for students and faculty to interact.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Alan briefly mentioned ongoing sustainability initiatives, including a decarbonization leadership program and plans for geothermal and EV stations. He highlighted the importance of these projects for the campus infrastructure.