

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 12, 2019

- (6523) Call to order The sixth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2018-2019 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CISC).
- (6524) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Fraser (Africana), Alonso (Mod Lang), Hass (Psych), Sosa (TV/R), Marsh (Theatre); School Delegate: Jiesamfoek (Educ.), Biais (Nat. & Beh Sci.), Hashmi (Prog Dir), Massood (Vis, Med & Perform Arts) were absent (-9); Rubinson (SPCL), Albarillo, Banerjee, Bank Munoz, Raphael & Smith (Humanities & Soc. Sci.) were excused (-6); Administrators: Galitz, Jackson, Conelli, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6513) Minutes of February 19, 2019 The minutes of February 19, 2019 will be discussed at the next meeting of Faculty Council.
- (6514) Steering Committee Professor Langsam announced that University Faculty Senate nominations were held on line from February 25-March 1, 2019; the on-line election will follow from March 18-22, 2019.
- An election for up-to-eight candidates for the Brooklyn College Association Board will occur at the April meeting of Faculty Council.
- On behalf of the Steering Committee of Faculty Council, Professor Langsam presented the Resolution to Endorse the Resolution Concerning New York State Funding for FY 2019-2020. A brief discussion followed. The resolution passed with 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- (6515) Communications from the Administration President Anderson discussed the recent site visit of AACSB to the Murray Koppelman School of Business. Although the visit does not conclude the accreditation process, the site team indicated that it would make a positive recommendation for accreditation; the final vote will occur in July. President Anderson thanked all those that participated at the School of Business, especially Dean Hopkins and Associate Dean Scott.
- President Anderson announced that enrollment and financial aid

offer letters were issued to 3300 fall applicants, which should produce a successful yield in the fall.

President Anderson reported on lobbying efforts in Albany and locally, including meetings with Borough President Adams and members of the Brooklyn delegation, as well as attendance at the legislative breakfast of the Council of Jewish Organization.

President Anderson discussed fundraising, which amounts to \$7.36M to date and exceeds the goal for the entirety of this fiscal year. Fundraising efforts will continue during the remainder of the year. Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Galitz will meet with Deans and faculty so that fundraising aligns with the academic priorities of the Brooklyn College's Schools and its Strategic Plan.

President Anderson announced that she, along with the Presidents of the Graduate Center and Baruch, are working to lead an effort to respond to President Trump's expected executive order on free speech on campus.

President Anderson discussed the appointment of the new Chancellor, who will assume office in May, and reported that she wrote a transition memo for the incoming Chancellor.

President Anderson announced that the Stated Meeting of the Faculty would take place on March 19, 2019.

A short discussion about the importance of constructive, vigorous, and respectful dialogue between the faculty and the administration followed.

Provost Lopes described the upcoming visit of Middle States accreditors, which will take place from March 24 to March 27, 2019. She discussed the schedule and invited faculty to attend the open meetings on March 25, 2019 at 4:15 and March 27, 2019 at 10:00. Provost Lopes updated Faculty Council on the workload and reassigned time and the faculty life working groups. A discussion about the working groups, departmental self-studies and assessment, and workload followed.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert announced that he has identified an Acting Executive Director of Facilities, who will focus on infrastructure and the physical plant, as well as work on a strategic plan. Building and Grounds, Project

Management, and Health and Safety will continue to report to SVP Gilbert will keep.

- (6516) Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees nominated faculty members for Faculty Council committees. They were elected unanimously.
- (6517) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate Professor Hainline (PSYC) reported on the most recent UFS meeting. See Appendix A.
- (6518) Degree Lists Degree List 2018/19/19 passed with a vote of 84 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- (6519) Report of Standing Committees Committee on General Education: Professor Troyansky (HIST) announced the deadline for uploading course proposals.
- (6520) Old Business There was no old business.
- (6521) New Business There was no new business.
- (6522) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam

Chair

Martha Nadell

Secretary

Appendix A

Report from the UFS meeting, 2/19/2019

Louise Hainline

The meeting began with short presentations from the heads of the SUNY faculty organizations, one for the SUNY Community Colleges and the other for the Senior Colleges, a collaboration that was begun several years ago between the heads of the faculty governance bodies for the two systems. The CC college representative discussed their efforts at creating "On-Line" SUNY for distance education, which started some years ago in a very decentralized manner, and now appears to be pressured to become more centralized. Both representatives mentioned efforts to insure shared governance. One example concerned faculty-led efforts to make changes to the CUNY General Education requirements which were created in 1999 and imposed on the college by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Both also mentioned concerns about NYS budgets; SUNY is pursuing state funding for Maintenance of Effort, increases in TAP, and larger budget in general, but is bargaining in collaboration with CUNY.

The rest of the meeting continued the discussion of amendments to the UFS charter to bring it up-to-date in terminology and other aspects, which as mostly non-eventful, if slow due to the attempt to have 100+ faculty editing a single document at the same time. Most of the changes were very minor but one important issue arose from the proposal to change references to "faculty status" which refers only to full-time faculty to "instructional staff" which would include adjuncts and other part-time individuals such as CLTs. This was approved without much discussion, but it was followed by a long discussion about the question of whether part-time faculty are adequately represented in UFS and CUNY faculty governance. One of adjunct members introduced a motion to create a committee to study whether UFS should examine the sufficiency of UFS seats for part-time faculty, in the context of the overall charter revision currently on-going. The charter states that the total number of representatives for each institution is based on the total number of full-time faculty eligible to vote in that unit with one representative for each sixty full-time faculty "or major proportion thereof". A unit with at least 60 part-time members of the instructional staff are delegated one additional seat, though as I read the charter, this does not have to be filled by a part-time person. The chair also cautioned that after the number of UFS seats per campus was determined, rules for election to fill seats on UFS is left up to governance bodies on each campus. Someone noted that 16 CUNY campuses included part-time faculty in regular faculty governance. Ultimately, the body passed a motion to create a committee to study this issue further.