

**BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

FACULTY COUNCIL

April 7, 2009

REVISED

- (5615) Call to order The sixth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2008-2009 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in room 150 of the library by the chair, Prof. Tobey.
- (5616) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Thomas (Africana Stud.), Bankoff (Anthro & Archaeo), Yarrow (Classics), Amoo (Economics), Powell & Cranganu (Geology), Alonso (Modern Lang.), Gould (Sociology), Emmer & Lu (Speech); Divisional Delegates: Parmar (Arts), DeLuca (Humanities), Hirakubo (Social Science) were absent (-13); Rudowsky (CIS), Bloomfield (Education), Vivier (Theatre), Lopez-Pumarejo (Social Science) were excused (-4); Administrators: Perez, Little, Green, Hewitt, Gilbert & Czirak were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5617) Steering Committee Professor Tobey noted that we had three sets of minutes to consider. It was decided that the December minutes be accepted as corrected, but that consideration of the February and March minutes, which had been given out at the door, be held over.
- Notice was taken of the deaths of two former faculty members, John Hope Franklin, the eminent African American historian, and former chair of the History Department and Prof. Marion Lynch of the School of Education, formerly of SEEK. A moment of silence to reflect on their contributions to the college was taken.
- Prof. Tobey said that the exit interview with the Middle States visiting group went very well. Prof. Gittenstein had thanked President Kimmich for the well run visit and well-prepared self study. The Chair thanked President Kimmich for the excellent job he did in preparing the college for accreditation. He commended President Kimmich as well for being a national as well as local leader. Faculty Council partnered with Prof. Kimmich to achieve many of the College's accomplishment. We must continue on this road in the future by being responsible faculty council members, attending meetings, reading material, and participating in collegial discussion of the serious issues that confront us.
- Faculty Council meetings will be scheduled for 3:15 pm but will start promptly at 3:30 pm.
- Faculty Council was to nominate a panel of 6 from whom the president would pick 3 to serve on the Brooklyn College Association (BCA). Professors Daravaris, Fox, and Sosa were the only persons nominated so they perforce became members of the BCA.

(5618)
Communications
from the President

The President thanked Prof. Tobey for his kind remarks. The Middle States Team had done their homework and so had we. The exit interview went very well and they lauded us for many things. They did, however, give us three suggestions. The first of these was to develop more young faculty leaders. The second was to examine our academic structure and see if it is accomplishing what it is supposed to. The third was to celebrate your past but don't be a prisoner of it.

Middle States also made a recommendation – assess and review our graduate programs. Graduate students comprise almost 25 percent of our enrollment. We can't treat them as step children. This needs doing and President Kimmich said he was sorry he wouldn't be here to see how it works out.

The Final Report will be acted upon in June by the Commission. We should have no problem with accreditation.

New York State has passed a budget. The \$20,000,000 cut to CUNY has been restored as have the cuts in TAP. This year they are trying something new, with 20% of tuition collections going back to the colleges. This will be 30%, 30% and then 50% over the next three years. The state has taken the federal stimulus funds and used it to fill holes in the budget. CUNY is being cautious and so should Brooklyn, reserving some funds against midyear cuts. We need, for example, to lobby the City Council on behalf of the Vallone Scholarships. So please write your City Council member when asked.

Honorary Degrees: The theme for Commencement is the global and local changes we have experienced over the last decade. The three honorees are:

Larry Landweber – Mr. Internet; Alexander Howe – Architect – architect who designed the Library; and Douglas Steiner – Major developer in the Borough of Brooklyn, Steiner Studios.

Distinguished Alumni Medals: Nancy Lynch (Mathematics & Computer Science, MIT), Arnie Kaliber (Sociology of Labor), and Don Buchwald (Major benefactor in Theatre).

Presidential Medal: Woody Tanger

There was a question raised about the diversity of the group of honorees.

(5619) Committee
on Committees

Prof. Langsam presented two nominations, Prof. Kyoko Koizumi (HNS) to replace Prof. Nunez (Educ.) who had resigned, and Prof. Raymond Leung (PEES) to replace Prof. Cziskowska (Chem.) on the Core Curriculum Committee. Each of these nominations was approved unanimously.

Prof. Langsam said that letters requesting volunteers for committee work had been sent to the faculty and appropriate recommendation forms to the chairs, and he urged chairs to twist arms to get people to serve. The Committee will meet at the end of the month and select nominees for the Faculty Council committees.

(5620) Liaison with University Faculty Senate Prof. M. Bell reported that Blackboard problems were discussed. There was a joint resolution concerning the PSC-CUNY Research Award Program presented by Prof. Jacobson. The resolution passed unanimously. The chancellor led a discussion of the science doctoral programs. There was some protest about the exclusion of Brooklyn College from the new doctoral program in public health (at Hunter). Prof. Jacobson said the degree is housed at Hunter but Brooklyn College is participating in the program.

(5621) Degree lists Degree lists 2009/25 & 26 were presented by Prof. Cirasella and were approved unanimously.

(5622) Reports of Standing Committees:

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements (Prof. Harrow)
Curriculum Document 332 was considered seriatim with some revisions and approved.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements (Prof. Florence)
Curriculum Document 186 was considered seriatim with some revisions and approved.

Committee on Computer Utilization & Education Technology (Prof. Shortell)
The resolution on LINUX support passed unanimously.

Annual Report was accepted.

Committee on Honorary Degrees (Prof. Tomkiewicz)
Annual Report was accepted.

Committee on the Library (Prof. Johnson)
Annual Report was accepted.

(5623) Adjournment There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Tobey,
Chair

George S. Shapiro, Secretary
with Bill Gargan, Steering Committee