

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

September 8, 2009

- (5634) Call to order The first meeting of Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 academic year was called to order at 3:25 p.m. in room 150 of the library by the chair, Prof. Tobey.
- (5635) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Bankoff (Anthro & Archaeo), Forest (Biology), Yarrow (Classics), Powell & Cranganu (Geology), Hashmi (TV/Radio); Divisional Delegates: Fox & Melani (Humanities), Dexter (Science) were absent (-9); Grommet (HNS) & Druks (Judaic) were excused (-2); Administrators: Green, Hewitt, Gilbert & Czirak were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5636) Minutes of April 7, 2009 and May 12, 2009 Prof. Tobey stated that none had yet been submitted, but that Prof. Shapiro stated they would be submitted for the October meeting.
- (5637) Communications from the President Prof. Tobey introduced the new President, Dr. Karen Gould, who has always been a faculty member and a scholar during her 34 years in academe and misses the classroom. She stated that she tries in modest ways to keep up her scholarly profile, which focuses on francophone Canadian literature. President Gould said she is delighted to be at Brooklyn College, to which she had just rushed from a COPS (Council of Presidents) meeting.
- President Gould said that she would be leading the charge in terms of fundraising and is considering items that donors would name or rename.
- She said that the Chancellor had said NYC and NYS are not going to be sending us extra resources any time soon. We will have a rough time after the impending gubernatorial and mayoral races. She praised Vice President Little's efforts, and especially his making sure we take advantage of all of the federal funding to which we are entitled.
- On enrollment, we have met 98.9% of our budgeted target enrollment. The entering students have a mean SAT Of 1100. The number of first-time freshmen is down, whereas the numbers of transfer students and graduate students both have shown healthy increases. So, we have not just a resource problem but also an educational one when it comes to scheduling the appropriate number of needed courses for our student body.
- In light of the departure of the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, and the importance of recruiting the right students, President Gould will be instituting a search for a Vice President of Enrollment Services. It is critical to attract people with talent. One thing that is needed is to enhance Graduate recruitment.
- A CUNY task force containing five presidents, of which she is one, has been set up to create task forces on each campus to measure retention and graduation success. Our Brooklyn College taskforce will tell us what we are doing well and where we might improve. It will also consider where we need recruiters—the Chancellor has some funds available for this.

There are plans to establish a Graduate Film School. Prof. Gurskis and Vice President Sillen have been meeting, and the planning committee for this school will include representatives from Faculty Council. Looking farther into the future, Pres. Gould asked what additional buildings might be needed, how to fund them, etc.

One health issue is the H1N1 flu virus and getting everyone protected. The college is in the process of putting out its plan in the very near future. Prof. M. Bell pointed out that there are periodic updates of CUNY's H1N1 policies from the Chancellor's office on the CUNY webpage.

Provost Tramantano presented more detailed enrollment data. Transfer and graduate students were each up about 9% and the number of new freshmen had dropped by more than 300, but their average SAT score had climbed to around 1100.

The President asked Vice President Little to report.

The West Quad building is partially open. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 22, 2009. Planning is underway for the performing arts center. The Gershwin Theater will be demolished. The new building will employ its space much better. Plans for the science complex are also in progress.

(5638) Steering Committee

Prof. Tobey requested a moment of silence in memory of Prof. Peter Zanateas (Classics) and Prof. Bill Brown (English). He announced that, according to the Brooklyn College Governance Plan, there would be elections for Chair, Secretary and two at-large members of the Steering Committee as the first order of business at the October meeting. Prof. Langsam will continue to serve on Steering because he is chair of the Committee on Committees. Prof. Tobey stated that he has served for 12 years and that he would not be running for re-election.

Prof. Tobey also announced that Prof. Langsam would be serving as the Steering Committee representative to Policy Council and that Prof. Shapiro would also be serving as a faculty member.

(5639) Liaison with University Faculty Senate

Prof. M. Bell reported that the first meeting of Faculty Senate would take place that evening; she would report on it next time.

(5640) Committee on Committees

Prof. Langsam presented the slate of nominees for Faculty Council Committees. After he presented one or two corrections, the nominations were all approved without dissent.

(5641) Degree lists

Prof. Tobey informed Faculty Council that the Steering Committee had approved Degree Lists 2009/33,34,35,36 &37 this summer. Lists 2010/1,2,3,4,5, & 6 were on the web and were ready to be voted on. The body approved them unanimously.

(5642) Graduate Curriculum Committee

Prof. Florence presented Graduate Curriculum Document 188. After some corrections, the document was passed without dissent.

(5643) Annual reports

Faculty Council received the annual reports of the Committee on Honors, Citations, and Awards as presented by Prof. Walder and the Committee on the Review of Student Records as presented by Prof. Kass-Shraibman.

(5644) Adjournment

Prof. Tobey adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Tobey
Chair

George Shapiro
Acting Secretary