

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

September 11, 2012

- (5916) Call to order The first meeting of Faculty Council for the 2012-2013 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Professor Pérez y González (PRLS).
- (5817) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Bankoff & Boyer (Anthro & Archae), Louis (ECAE), Childers (Modern Lang.); School Delegates: Minter (Humanities & Social Sci.), Dexter (Natural & Behavioral Sci.), Grubbs (Visual, Media & Performing Arts) were absent (-7); Klein (Economics) & Ungar (Political Sci.) were excused (-2); Administrators: Hewitt, Green, Sillen, Hopkins & Schechter were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5918) Minutes of March 13, 2012 & May 8, 2012 Professor Nadell (English) presented the minutes of March 13, 2012 & May 8, 2012. The minutes were approved.
- (5919) Steering Committee Professor Pérez y González welcomed returning and new members of Faculty Council. She introduced the members of the Steering Committee. She then led Faculty Council in a moment of silence in recognition of the events of September 11, 2001. She announced that elections for school representatives and alternates took place online. Members of Faculty Council have a membership list, which will be updated as necessary. In November, online elections will take place for Faculty Council representatives from the Schools of Business and Humanities and Social Sciences, as neither school has enough alternates. She announced the elections for the Chairperson, Secretary, and two at-large members of the Steering Committee of Faculty Council, which will take place at the next Faculty Council meeting on October 16, 2012. She reminded Faculty Council that Professor Cohen (Music) will submit the annual report for the Committee on Course & Standing.
- (5920) Communications from the Administration President Gould welcomed new and returning members of Faculty Council. She then introduced Vice President of Administration and Finance, Joseph Giovannelli and thanked Assistant Vice President for Finance, Budget & Planning / Comptroller Alan Gilbert for his work.
- President Gould stated that Brooklyn College has reached 96% of its enrollment target. She stated that enrollment should be close to where Brooklyn College hopes to be. The college will not see substantial growth. The summer sessions were not as robust as Brooklyn College had hoped, but the college will get a jumpstart on the coming summer by planning earlier. The Provost, Deans, and Chairs are working on this, as it is good for students and faculty who need or want summer courses.
- President Gould then turned to the budget. Brooklyn College finished the 2011-2012 academic year in a "reasonably good place," in part because procurement stopped in April. Between where we were at the end of the year and with the new budget dollars coming from CUNY, the administration was able to reinstate the 10% reduction in OTPS to academic units and the library. The college was not able to reinstate 10% reduction in OTPS in other parts of campus, but President Gould hopes that by the next academic year, all OTPS funds will be reinstated unless there are units that cannot be justified. Brooklyn College is in the last year of the ERI replacement payout. This is a little bit of a drain on resources but the payments

will be over for the next academic year. There is roughly \$4 million in new Compact dollars to spend. The funds are earmarked for much needed faculty lines and key staff in crucial areas. This includes the bathroom cleanup personnel. The President stated that Brooklyn College will get campus back to where it was two years ago in terms of cleanliness. Brooklyn College will see a robust hiring season with 31 open positions. Last year, roughly 30 new faculty members were hired. At the last P & B meeting, 45 lines (including new faculty and new substitute lines) were approved. Brooklyn College's incoming class is much bigger than those on other campuses.

President Gould then turned to technology. There was a pause until the hiring of Vice President Giovannelli, and now Brooklyn College is "ready to go." Vice President Giovannelli will chair the ad hoc committee on technology, which will not include CUNYfirst. The committee will look at all aspects of technology and user experiences to see where we can improve, to see where there is satisfaction and where there is dissatisfaction. President Gould declared that it is not just what technology we use but how we make it operable and accessible. The contract with the consultant will be finalized in the coming week. The committee will include two faculty members from each school. Professor Rudowsky will serve as will the three student body presidents or their representatives. In addition, a number of staff members will serve. President Gould then spoke about the laptop loan program, which has been very successful. According to Professor Walker (Library), the program is running at 100% capacity. The Macintosh laptops are gone within half hour of opening and there are 100-120 functional laptops in circulation. Laptops have been loaned over 4000 times, but there are roughly 30 laptops that are no longer viable. SMART classroom replacement was supposed to be accelerated over the summer. However, this never took place, because New York State stopped Brooklyn College, Hunter College, and CUNY because their provider was deemed no longer viable (it was not paying the mandatory wage for workers). Brooklyn College has some catching up to do and will be doing everything it can.

President Gould asked for patience and understanding for staff members involved in CUNYfirst, as they are required to be off campus for training on many occasions.

There will be a town hall meeting on October 9, 2012. The subject will be the student experience at Brooklyn College.

- (5921) Committee on Committees Professor Langsam (CIS) presented the list of members for 2012-2013 and nominated the following: Professors Kousser (Art) and Gonsalves (English) for the Core Committee, Professor King (English) for the Graduate Curriculum Committee, and Professor Steinberg (Philosophy) for the Committee on Review of Programs. Professor Florence (SEED) nominated Professor Zolkower (SEED) for the Library Committee, which was seconded. All nominations were approved with a vote of 80 yeas, 7 nays, and 5 abstentions.
- (5922) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate Professor Jacobson (HNS) reported on the most recent University Faculty Senate meeting. The meeting was opened with remarks from UFS Chairperson Martell (Baruch), who discussed summer meetings and activities. There was the formation of three UFS taskforces, one on enrollment, one on technology, and one on communications. He stated that there was a committee working with the PSC on transfer issues, which discovered that there isn't enough information about transfers. The committee will explore the source of excess transfer credits and propose alternative solutions to the transfer problem. It is exploring what other colleges have done. UFS Chairperson Martell and PSC President Bowen will send a joint letter to the entire CUNY faculty in which they will stress the requirement that the curriculum offered by faculty meet the needs of students. The letter will also urge faculty members to "vote your conscience." UFS Chairperson also stated, "Pathways is not inevitable" and discussed the two lawsuits about Pathways, one

that addresses the manner in which Pathways has been implemented and the other about violations of New York State's open meeting law (Brooklyn College is not named in the law suit). The meeting moved to new business, including the introduction of new members of the UFS. Professor Jacobson stated that Brooklyn College's contingent was there in full force. She thanked members for their attendance. UFS Vice Chair Kaplowitz (John Jay) spoke about CUNY's goals, as articulated by Executive Vice Chancellor Logue. These goals, which are listed on the university website, are quite important, because the campus presidents and the colleges are held accountable to these goals. If an item is not included in the PMP, it will not be funded. Vice Chair Kaplowitz urged all faculty to look at these goals and identify the three goals that are most important to their institutions.

Former Chair Cooper asked faculty who have sick days to donate their new days, in excess of the maximum, to other faculty members who are ill and in dire need of them. CUNY agreed to the following policy: for every 10 days donated, CUNY will give 5 days to faculty. The meeting then continued with a discussion of where the campuses are regarding Pathways. Every member who spoke stated that his or her campus was unalterably opposed to Pathways. However, some campuses have submitted courses, but even if campuses submit courses to Pathways, faculty governance bodies may not approve them. Professor Jacobson then invited faculty to the UFS conference on the transfer system, entitled "Pathways: We Do Have a Choice." The conference will take place on October 12, 2012 from 9:00 to 1:00 at John Jay College. She asked interested members to register on the UFS website.

- (5923) Degree Lists Professor Pérez y González announced the summer degree lists 2012/33, 34, 35, & 36 were approved over the summer by the Steering Committee of Faculty Council. Degree Lists 2013/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 were presented by Professor Thurm (CIS) and were approved with a vote of 85 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.
- (5924) Report of Standing Committees
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) presented Curriculum Document 356, which passed with a vote of 81 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions
- Committee on Academic Integrity: Professor Evans (Library) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam asked if Brooklyn College can maintain its own academic integrity policy, which differs from that of CUNY. Professor Langsam recommended that the new committee pursue this inquiry.
- Committee on Admissions: Professor Harrow (CIS) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee on Campus Planning: Professor Smithsimon (Sociology) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee of Graduate Admissions & Standards: Professor Smith (Classics) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget: Professor MacIntyre (Music) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee on Research: Professor Cheng (Earth and Environmental Sciences) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee on Review of Programs: Professor Martinez (PRLS) presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- (5925) Old Business Professor Powell (EES) followed up on the conversation for those departments

interested in contributing to the newly revised Environmental Studies Program through the elective option. Its steering committee met and has decided on a method to allow various departments to contribute an elective in the program. Professor Menser (Philosophy) will organize those additions. Any departments interested in developing or offering a course in the program should contact him.

(5926)New Business There was no new business

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

Martha Nadell,
Secretary