

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL

December 10, 2013

- (6036) Call to order The fourth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (6037) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Fischer (Acct), Day & Green (Africana), Bankoff (Anthro & Archeao), Ciszowska (Chemistry), Shannon (ECAE), Powell (E&ES), Clarke (Fin. & Bus. Management), Velling (Math), Chang (Modern Lang.), Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL), Bank Munoz (Sociology), MacLelland (TV/Radio); School Delegates: Porter (Business), Menser (Humanities & Soc Sci), Augenstein & Chalmers (Nat & Behavior. Sci.), Entin (Program Dir), Jensen-Moulton (Visual Media) were absent (-19); Jones (Nat. & Behavior Sci.) were excused (-1); Administrators: Tramontano, Psarris, Gilbert, Hewitt, Fitzgerald, Gold, Joyner & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6038) Minutes of November 12, 2013 Professor Nadell (English) presented the minutes of November 12, 2013. The minutes were approved, with changes, unanimously.
- (6039) Steering Committee Professor Langsam announced that there would be new business at the conclusion of the meeting.
- An election for two members of the Committee on Committees took place. Professors Jensen-Moulton (Music) and Shortell (Sociology) were nominated. The Secretary of Faculty Council cast a vote for their election.
- (6040) Communications from the Administration President Gould announced that Provost Tramontano would return to Brooklyn College in January 2014.
- President Gould asked Faculty Council to welcome Jason Carey, who will serve as the Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing. Mr. Carey is currently Vice President for Marketing at the Brooklyn Public Library. He will begin on January 2, 2014.
- President Gould updated Faculty Council on the search for new deans for the Schools of Education and Humanities and Social Sciences. The positions were advertised in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The searches are underway, and applications are coming in.
- President Gould announced the appointment of two new members of the CUNY Board of Trustees, James P. Molinaro and Barry Schwartz.
- President Gould stated that, on Friday, December 6, 2013 at Baruch College, she participated in the University Faculty Senate forum about the future of doctoral education. She was on a panel with Vice Chancellor Small. The panel addressed the future of doctoral education for the laboratory sciences. According to UFS Chair Martell, this was the most heavily attended event of its kind in recent history. President Gould spoke about the topic in general and made reference to Brooklyn College in particular. The conversations began some time ago and included President Gould, Provost Tramontano, and Vice Chancellor for Research Small. Former Chancellor Goldstein passed the mantle to Interim Chancellor

Kelly. Faculty representatives from the School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, as well as the Dean of the School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, are on the committee that will explore this issue. Brooklyn College is well represented. Questions have been raised as to what it means to decentralize or devolve laboratory doctoral sciences away from the CUNY Graduate Center to individual campuses and/or consortial arrangements of campuses. The decision about the future arrangement has not yet been made; the committee will review these issues. Proposals have been solicited from laboratory sciences at Brooklyn College, City College, Hunter College, and Queens College. The President stated that the Provost and she worked very hard to make sure that Brooklyn College was in the mix. The quality of the Brooklyn College faculty and the investment in science faculty and departments, as well as facilities renovations, were important in this. These are important conversations, President Gould stated, and faculty, particularly from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, are well represented. There is a hope that Psychology and Neuroscience will be part of future conversations. There are conduits for faculty input; the best place for expressing issues, ideas, and concerns is with the department chairs, the Dean, and the Provost. The Provost is invested and interested in this evolution or maturation of doctoral education in the sciences. This change is good news for Brooklyn College, which doesn't mean that it will be easy. It won't be free, but there are alumni, who will be very excited about this idea that Brooklyn College will be able to offer doctoral degrees in the laboratory sciences on its own or in conjunction with other campuses.

Professor Okome (Political Science) asked if there were plans to include humanities and social sciences in these plans, to which President Gould replied that she did not know of any. Professor Hainline (Psychology) stated that doctoral programs in the humanities and social sciences will be somewhat reduced in size, as there is concern about time to degree. There will be more support for smaller numbers of graduate students.

President Gould wished Faculty Council members a post-Happy Hanukah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, as well as best wishes as the semester closes. She reminded Faculty Council of the annual holiday party.

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| (6041) Committee on Committees | The Committee on Committees had nothing to report. |
| (6042) Liaison with the Faculty Senate | The liaison with the University Faculty Senate had no report. |
| (6043) Degree Lists | Professor Bowdoin (Library) presented Degree Lists 2014/6 & 7, which were approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. |
| (6044) Report of Standing Committees | <p>Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) presented Curriculum Document 366 with changes, which was approved with a vote of 83 yeas, 1 nay and 0 abstentions.</p> <p>Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Grubbs (Music) presented Curriculum Document 216, which was approved with a vote of 83 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.</p> |
| (6045) Old Business | There was no old business. |
| (6046) New Business | Professor Shortell presented the "Resolution on Draft CUNY Policy on Expressive Conduct," on behalf of the Brooklyn College Chapter of the Professional Staff Congress, which passed with a vote of 68 yeas, 6 nays, and 8 abstentions. |

Professor MacIntyre (Music) announced the new procedures for the approval of new programs.

Professor Langsam wished everyone a successful end of the semester and a good rest.

(6047) Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary