

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
September 13, 2018

- (6463) Call to order The first 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 (CIS).
- (6464) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Zelcer (Acct), Fraser (Africana), Yarrow (Classics), MacDonald (Film), Ortiz Minaya (PRLS), Alexakos (SEED); School Delegate: Bank Munoz (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Porter (Prog. Dir.) were absent (-8);, Basil & Studamire (Bio), Tremper & Nadell (Eng), SenGupta (History), Banerjee, Bowdoin & Regalado (Humanities & Soc. Sci.), Davenport & Grasso (Nat. Beh. Sci.), Sosa (TV/Radio), Grubbs (Vis. Media & Perform. Arts.) was excused (-12); Administrators: Galitz, Fitzgerald, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6465) Minutes of May 8, 2018 The minutes of May 8, 2018 were approved unanimously.
- (6466) Steering Committee Professor Langsam (CIS) welcomed new and returning members of Faculty Council and thanked them for agreeing to participate in Faculty Council. In addition, he welcomed Provost Lopes. He stressed that the workings of Faculty Council are of critical importance to Brooklyn College and reminded members of their responsibilities, according the governance documents of Brooklyn College. As Faculty Council uses Roberts Rules of Order except when it conflicts with the New York State Open Meeting Law. This means only Faculty Council members may speak, that all votes are taken with clickers and are public, and any final action requires a majority of the members of Faculty Council to pass. This number is 55.
- He announced that at the October meeting, elections for the Chair, Secretary, and two additional members of the Steering Committee of Faculty Council will take place.
- Elections for a faculty alternate for the Brooklyn College Association Board took place and Professor Kingan (Math) was elected; and for the Brooklyn College Auxiliary Enterprise Association Board, Professors Schiller (Anth), Miele (SEED) and Schnoll (HNSC) were elected.

(6467) Communications from the Administration

President Anderson introduced her senior leadership team, which includes Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Lopes, Senior Vice-President for Finance and Administration Gilbert, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Galitz, Vice President for Student Affairs Jackson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention O'Reilly, and Legal Counsel Thomas.

The top priorities are to implement the Strategic Plan, focusing on its five goals, to manage the challenging budget, to complete successfully the Middle States and AACSB accreditation processes. President Anderson made note of Brooklyn College's rankings in *US News and World Report*.

President Anderson then discussed the reduction in the "teaching contact hour workload" and the challenges involved in its implementation, given that the College received funding to implement the agreement for those faculty who were teaching 21 contact hours. She stated that we must work together to resolve this issue as we analyze the distribution of reassigned time. Discussion focused on the faculty's objections to CUNY's interpretation of the agreement, implications of the reduction in faculty workload, suggestions for potential strategies to address the interpretation and implementation of the reduction in workload, and concerns about the management of the budget and workload at Brooklyn College and CUNY as a whole.

President Anderson then delivered a presentation about the budget. She discussed past budget cuts and unfunded mandates, the new labor reserve budget entry, additional tuition revenue and energy savings, the anticipated budget for FY20, and the impact on hiring. She emphasized the importance of new fundraising strategies. The following discussion addressed suggestions for strategies to address the current state of the budget and concerns about faculty hiring and its implications for the education of Brooklyn College students, about the narrative surrounding New York State's investment in CUNY and higher education in the state, and questions about lobbying and financial aid.

Provost Lopes stated that she was delighted to be at Brooklyn College. She listed her priorities: accreditation, faculty research support, teaching and teaching innovation, the retention of faculty, especially faculty of color, academic momentum and student success, and improving Brooklyn College's identity as an academic and intellectual community. She stated that she would visit every department and invited attendees to visit her open office hours.

(6468) Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees presented nominations to Faculty Council committees, which were passed unanimously.

(6469) Liaison with the University Faculty

Professor Hainline (Psych) reported on the May 2018 meeting of the University Faculty Senate (see Appendix A).

Senate

(6470) Degree Lists Professor Langsam announced the approval of Degree Lists 2018/14. Degree Lists 2019/ 1 & 2 passed with a vote of 76 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

(6471) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Academic Integrity: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Course & Standing: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on General Education: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Graduate Admissions & Standards: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy & Budget: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Review of Student Records: The annual report was submitted and accepted.

Committee on Student Advisement: The annual report was submitted and accepted.

(6472) Old Business There was no old business.

(6473) New Business There was no new business.

(6474) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidiah Langsam

Sharona Levy (substituting for Martha Nadell)

Chair

Secretary