

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
February 19, 2019

- (6511) Call to order            The fifth 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 (CISC).
- (6512) Roll call            The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Murelli (Chem), Hsu (Classics), Warren (History), Shottenkirk (Philosophy), Miyano (Physics); School Delegate: Grubbs (Vis, Med & Perform Arts) were absent (-6); Basil (Biology), MacDonald (Film), Bloomfield (Educ), Banerjee, Bank Munoz & Regalado (Humanities & Soc. Sci.) were excused (-6); Administrators: Feltman, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6513) Minutes of December 11, 2018            The minutes of December 11, 2018 with changes were approved unanimously.
- (6514) Steering Committee            Professor Langsam announced that University Faculty Senate nominations will be held on line from February 25-March 1, 2019, followed by elections from March 18-22, 2019.

Professor Sosa (TVRA) was nominated for the Brooklyn College Association Board. The Secretary cast one vote, and she was elected.
- (6515) Communications from the Administration            President Anderson reflected on the appointment of the new Chancellor. His background as an academic and as President of Queens College suggest that he will have a positive impact on Brooklyn College and CUNY. President Anderson welcomed Interim Chief Diversity Officer Brown. President Anderson updated Faculty Council on fundraising, which amounts to \$6M as of January 1, 2019 and includes a newly endowed scholarship fund in the amount of \$2.2M for degree completion in honor of Carol Zicklin '61. President Anderson reported that she had no information about the IG report. She described the budget landscape and recent lobbying efforts and priorities, set by the Board of Trustees, as well as future efforts. A discussion about lobbying, budget, and the contract campaign followed. President Anderson then spoke about

spring enrollment figures. She thanked Provost Lopes for her tireless work on the self-study process and Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert for his efforts in facilities.

Provost Lopes thanked all for the 97% compliance rate in assessment reports. She stated that the Middle States report had been submitted and was on the Middle States page on the BC website. She stated that she was in planning stages for the visit of the Middle States team from March 24- March 27, 2019. She reminded Faculty Council that the School of Business and the School of Education were also in their accreditation processes. She urged all to read the Middle States report. Provost Lopes remarked that Brooklyn College is on target for testing for the LOTE requirement and that the contract is out to the vendor. Provost Lopes stated that she was working on a plan for summer incentives.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert discussed the budget and the impact of lower spring enrollment than anticipated. He reported that there were vacancies in three key facilities positions, as well in other positions. He asked that facilities requests be prioritized; health and safety issues should be reported to him. SVP Gilbert stated that, thanks to the efforts of President Anderson, CUNY Central has agreed to develop a mini-master plan, which will allow BC to use funds effectively. He reported that an upgrade to the work order system was in the works. He reported on progress made in repairs and remarked that the Brooklyn College community should be realistic about what is possible. A brief discussion followed.

(6516)  
Committee on  
Committees

The Committee on Committees nominated faculty members for Faculty Council committees. They were elected unanimously.

(6517) Liaison  
with the  
University  
Faculty Senate

Professor Bassell (BUSN) reported on the most recent UFS meeting, which revolved around the revision of the UFS charter.

(6518) Degree  
Lists

Degree List 2018/19/7 & 8 passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

(6519) Report of  
Standing

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Shapiro (JUST) presented Curriculum

Committees Document 397 with changes. The document passed with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 2 abstentions. The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on General Education: Professor Troyansky (HIST) presented the Resolution on LOTE, which passed with a vote of 77 yeas, 3 nays, and 5 abstentions.

Committee on Honorary Degrees: Professor Porter (SOCY) presented the committee's slate for honorary degrees.

(6520) Old Business There was no old business.

(6521) New Business There was no new business.

(6522) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam

Chair

Martha Nadell

Secretary