(5665) Call to order

The fourth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 academic year was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in room 150 of the library by the chair, Prof. Pérez y González.

(5666) Roll call

The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Thomas (Africana) Bankoff & Sharman (Anthro & Archaeo), Yarrow (Classics), Powell & Cranganu (Geology), Alonso (Modern Lang.), Liu (Physics); Divisional Delegates: Fairey (Humanities), Raphan (Science), Estey & Wills (Social Science) were absent (-12); Bloomfield (Education), Gonsalves (Humanities) & Tomkiewicz (Science) were excused (-3); Administrators: Green, Mirotznik, Wagner, Hewitt, Gilbert, & Czirak were also absent and excused. All other members were present.


The revised minutes of April 7, 2009 were approved, as were the minutes of September 8, 2009, October 13, 2009, and November 10, 2009. The minutes of May 12, 2009 were approved with one correction.

(5668) Steering Committee

Notice was taken of the deaths of Prof. Frank Beckman, founding Chair of the Department of Computer and Information Science, and Ernesto Malavé, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance of The City University of New York. A moment of silence in their honor was taken.

The Steering Committee announced that a resolution regarding a proposed change in Faculty Council by-laws will be considered at February’s meeting.

(5669) Communications from the Administration

President Gould noted the passing of Ernesto Malavé, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance of The City University of New York and announced that there will be a special CUNY memorial in his honor. She announced the first town hall meeting for the Facilities Master Planning process on December 8, 2009 at 4:30 pm. She spoke about the requirement that all CUNY campuses revisit their Facilities Master Plan every ten years and noted that many projects and plans are already under way. These include the Performing Arts Center, whose groundbreaking will take place in the summer of 2010, and the Science Center. She described the upcoming and future town hall meetings as opportunities for student, faculty, and staff to meet the architects and for the architects to gather data for their fact-finding mission. The first town hall meeting will consider the “big picture” so that Brooklyn College may strategically prioritize and seek necessary funding.

President Gould then described the planning process, which includes a Task Force on Sustainability (required by CUNY and chaired by VP Steve Little) that will focus on facilities and consumption. She also discussed the Provost’s Task Force on Sustainability as well as the Task Force on Retention and Success. She declared there would be lots of room for input from the Brooklyn College community. In February and March, there will be conversations about schools in a divisional way to look at opportunities and leadership growth. President Gould also spoke about returning to the Middle States Report in the spring. She declared that these taskforces and conversations were all pillars of Strategic Planning process, which will be put off until fall. President Gould continued by
elaborating her hopes that retention and success and international education would be part of Brooklyn College’s this plan. She announced that a director for the Office of International Education and Global Engagement would hire a director and support staff. This dovetails with CUNY, which is poised to review practices to streamline international education. When asked about the possibility of a move to a school structure, President Gould responded that she felt that Brooklyn College was not poised for robust excellence with its current administrative framework and that there are missed opportunities for leadership, fundraising, and curricular development. She emphasized the missing level of administrative help in particular. She declared that we need to decide, through discussion, on an administrative structure that helps Brooklyn College be as institutionally effective as possible in the 21st century, especially given its size. She declared that there is no one best way do this and assured Faculty Council that she seriously values faculty input as the search for deans progresses and that Brooklyn College will have administrative leadership that faculty relate to and feel positive about.

AVP for ITS/Chief Technology Officer Mark Gold updated Faculty Council on course renumbering. He described the process, as well as the implementation of the new system. He referred members of the faculty to the web-based tool at http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/courses/crs_numbers.jsp.

Provost Tramontano urged all members of the faculty to publish their course materials well before the term starts; this is linked to financial aid requirements. Faculty may do so through the BC Portal.

(5670) Committee on Committees
The Committee on Committees had no report.

(5671) Liaison with University Faculty Senate
Prof. M. Bell reported that there were no major motions at the last meeting and noted the passing of Vice Chancellor Ernesto Malavé.

(5672) Degree lists
Degree lists 2010/13 and 2010/14 were presented by Prof. Bowdoin and were approved.

(5673) Report of Standing Committees
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Prof. Harrow discussed Curriculum Document 336, which was accepted with minor changes.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Florence presented Curriculum Document 191, which was approved.

Committee on Graduate Admissions & Standards & Course and Standing: Prof. Gallagher presented the Joint Resolution on Removing the Penalty From the WN Grade. This was discussed by Faculty Council and approved.

(5674) Adjournment
There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Pérez y González, Chair
Martha Nadell, Secretary