

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

March 9, 2010

- (5685) Call to order The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 academic year was called to order at 3:26 pm in room 150 of the library by the chair, Prof. Pérez y González.
- (5686) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Bankoff & Cavanaugh (Anthro & Archaeo), Mallory (Art), Kobrak (Chemistry), Chamberlain & Cranganu (Geology), Wilson (Political Sci.); Divisional Delegates: Grubbs (Arts), & Dexter & Raphan (Science) were absent (-10); Thompson (Speech) were excused (-1); Administrators: Little, Faria, Green, Hewitt, Gilbert & Czirik were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5687) Minutes of The minutes of February 9, 2009 were approved.
December 8, 2009
- (5688) Steering Notice was taken of the unavailability of the Faculty Council Office (since January
Committee 13, 2010), due to a leak. The office should be open by March 16.
- A moment of silence was taken for those affected by the Chilean earthquake.
- The Steering Committee announced that it had asked the Committee on Master Planning Committee to solicit and provide input from the faculty regarding the emerging school structure at Brooklyn College.
- An election for two vacancies on Committee on Committee was held, as the three-year terms of Professors Sharman and Tremper had expired. Professors Bell (SEEK), Dexter (Computer and Information Science), Meagher (Education), and Tremper (English) were nominated. The results were as follows: Bell, 19 votes; Dexter, 47 votes; Meagher, 33 votes; Tremper, 42 votes. A motion was made to accept the two individuals receiving the greatest number of votes. That motion passed with 55 yeas, 21 nays, and 2 abstentions. Professors Dexter and Tremper were elected.
- The Director of Brooklyn College EMS, Fred Kneitel, will present a report in April.
- (5689) Provost Tramontano spoke, as President Gould was called away. First, he
Communications announced the appointment of the Vice-President for Enrollment Management. Dr.
from the Stephen Joyner, currently the Associate Vice President for Enrollment
Administration Management at Southern Connecticut State University, will join Brooklyn College
on June 1, 2010. He thanked the members of the search committee for their
efforts.
- Second, the Provost described the lobbying efforts in Albany. President Gould was in Albany on March 1 and 2 to lobby for facilities capital requests, including \$16.5 million for the Tow Performing Arts Center and \$109 million for the Roosevelt Science Complex. In addition, the Provost announced funding from the Borough President and the City Council for the renovation of one of the large lecture halls in Whitehead (Room 222), which will become a large lecture facility and conference center.
- Third, the Provost alerted Faculty Council to the state of planning for the Roosevelt Science Complex. The latest kickoff meeting occurred Wednesday, March 3.

Attendees included Iris Weinshall, President Gould, and the architects from Mitchell/ Giurgola. A working committee that will meet biweekly will be formed in the upcoming week. The program planner for Roosevelt is the same program planner for the Facilities Master Plan, Scott Page, who knows Brooklyn College and CUNY very well. It is imperative, the Provost declared, to move forward with the design of the Roosevelt Science Complex, even though a capital request may not be granted immediately, but rather next spring. The Facilities Master Planning process includes the beginning of the second round of interviews with the programmers and architects. Meetings, including those with the chairs, will begin on March 22. The Facilities Master Plan will be complete by the end of the summer so that it can be approved at the first Board of Trustees meeting in September.

Fourth, the Provost informed Faculty Council that several major gifts would be announced in the next few months.

Fifth, the next divisional meeting (Arts) regarding college organization will take place on March 18 at 12:15. A meeting for staff will occur as well. President Gould will make her decision regarding the reorganized structure of Brooklyn College toward the end of the month of April.

- (5690) Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees encourage all to fill out the forms for requests for committee assignments
- (5691) Liaison with University Faculty Senate Professor Bell reported that Kathleen Barker of Medgar Evers spoke about the Faculty Experience Survey at the last University Faculty Senate. The entire report may be found out www.cunyufs.org/FES/. The report will be discussed at the April Faculty Council meeting. Professor Bell encouraged all to look at the report before that meeting. A summary sheet of items that refer to Brooklyn College will be made available. The survey will now be given every two years and will be part of the evaluations of the campuses.
- (5692) Degree lists Degree lists 2010/23 & 24 were presented by Prof. Bowdoin and were approved unanimously.
- (5693) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Harrow presented Curriculum Document 337 with changes (page 3: "Romanesque Art and Architecture" to "Romanesque Art;" the course has a duplicate number, which will change; page 15: cross-listed courses will be included; page 21: the BS degree will be moved to page 22; page 23: cross-listed courses will be included; pages 24 & 25: "and very likely failing" will be stricken; page 37: "Romanesque Art and Architecture" to "Romanesque Art;" the course has a duplicate number, which will change. Curriculum Document 337 passed.
- Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Prof. Florence presented Curriculum Document 193 with changes (page 1: Section A-VI will read 'Other Changes'). Curriculum Document 193 passed.
- Committee on Honorary Degrees: The committee presented its Annual Report, which included information about honorary degree candidates. It was accepted.
- Committee on Campus Planning: Professor Parmar (Education) presented the annual report and two resolutions. The first resolution called for priority "to return to their original spaces those departments . . . that lost instructional space" due to the Plaza Building demolition. After discussion, which included questions about the Facilities Master Planning process, the role of the architects, and program planners, the resolution failed with 45 yeas, 22 nays, and 7 abstentions. Professor Parmar introduced the second resolution, which called for a reconsideration of the

prices for faculty and staff usage of the West Quad Fitness Center. It asked that faculty and staff be able to use the center without charge. The resolution passed with 69 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Standards and Admissions: Professor Gallagher presented the Resolution on Crediting Graduate Courses from a First Master's Degree or Advanced Certificate Toward a Second Cognate Master's Degree and/or Advanced Certificate Program. The resolution passed.

Committee on Review of Course & Standing: Professor Remy presented the Resolution Concerning Unresolved Grades. Members of Faculty Council raised concerns about a number of issues: limits on the discretion of instructors' decisions about grades, similarities to the resolution presented at the previous Faculty Council, the timeline for student requests for incompletes, and the seemingly punitive nature of the resolution. Faculty Council moved to recommit the resolution with a vote of 46 yeas, 19 nays, and 2 abstentions. Members of Faculty Council who wish to comment on it are encouraged to contact the Committee on Review of Course & Standing Directly.

(5694) Old Business Professor Winslow raised concerns about the diversity of the honorary degree candidates.

(5695) New Business Professor Cherry asked faculty to encourage students to submit to the BC Undergraduate Research Journal.

Professor Wills announced the food drive. Members of the Brooklyn College community are urged to donate non-perishable food items and to volunteer for distribution.

(5696) Adjournment There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

María Pérez y González,
Chair

Martha Nadell,
Secretary