

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

May 11, 2010

- (5710) Call to order    The eighth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Prof. Pérez y González.
- (5711) Roll call        The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Cavanaugh (Anthro & Archaeo), Hadler (Art), Kobrak (Chemistry), Smith (Classics), Chamberlain & Cranganu (Geology), Rawson (History), Alonso (Modern Lang.), Wilson (Political Sci.), Daraviras (SEEK), Stein (Speech), Bullard (Theatre); Divisional Delegates: Melani & Menser (Humanities) Raphan (Science) & Estey, Grasso & Wills (Social Science) were absent (-18); Cunningham (Africana) were excused (-1); Administrators: Little, Green, Hewitt, Gilbert, Czirak & Sillen were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5712) Minutes of     The minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved.  
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- (5713) Steering        A moment of silence was taken for the passing of former Provost Ethyl Wolfe, who  
Committee            was an integral part of Brooklyn College and was instrumental for the development  
of the Core.
- Notice was taken that the May meeting was the final one for Professor Nancy Hager (Music) and Professor Charles Tobey (PEES), both of whom have served honorably as the Chair of the Committee on Master Planning, Education Policy & Budget and as Chair of Faculty Council respectively. Thanks were given for their enormous contributions to Brooklyn College and for the important roles they played at Brooklyn College.
- Elections were held for the Committee on Committees. Professors M. Bell (SEEK) and Steel (English) were nominated to fill a position that was vacated during a member's term. The results of the first vote were as follows: Bell, 29 and Steel, 35. Professor Bell withdrew, and Professor Steel was elected with a vote of 57 yeas, 7 nays and 5 abstentions. He will serve until 12/10.
- Steering presented a resolution to rename the Committee on Basic Skills the Committee on Academic Foundations. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- (5714)                 President Gould announced the reduction of rates for faculty and staff use of the  
Communications       West Quad Athletic Center.  
from the  
Administration        President Gould discussed the possibility of furloughs, with an initial one tentatively scheduled for May 21. The President said that she would meet with CUNY Central to discuss this on the following day. *The President recognized that the unions are pushing against the furlough* and declared that she hoped that the campus would not be bogged down with furloughs, which are illegal. Provost Tramontano raised the issue of the 125 exams scheduled for that day; only some of these were to be administered by full-time faculty. Only 29 full-time faculty would be affected by a furlough on that day (though 10 are in Film). President Gould declared that it was incumbent on Brooklyn College to reassure students that BC will make the end of the year and the final exams the highest priority. BC will find a way, she said, to do right by the students. Professor Weis asked if it would be illegal for faculty for administer exams on that day. President Gould responded that one possible scenario is that full-time faculty could be designated for different furlough days.

Moreover, she said that no matter what, security will be present on campus on that day.

- (5715) Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees presented the nominations lists for 2010-2011. A number of changes were made: Professor George Shapiro (Math) was added to Admissions. Professor Karl Steel was removed from Computer Utilization and Educational Technology, leaving a vacancy. Professor Nancy Hager (Music) was removed from Master Planning, Education Policy, & Budget, leaving a vacancy. Professor Miranda Martinez (Puerto Rican and Latino Studies) was added to Review of Programs. Professor Douglas Geers (Music) was nominated for Computer Utilization & Educational Technology. All nominations were approved.
- (5716) Liaison with University Faculty Senate Professor M. Bell (SEEK) discussed last month's meeting with Executive Vice-Chancellor Shaw, who spoke about his view on the budget, who warned about furloughs. In addition, Professor Bell mentioned that elections would take place that evening.
- (5717) Degree lists Degree lists 2010/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, & 32 were presented by Prof. Bowdoin and were approved unanimously.
- (5718) Report of Standing Committees
- The Committee on Graduate Admissions and Standards: Professor Gallagher presented the annual report, which was accepted. The committee presented the following motion: "Motion to Clarify the Nature of the INCOMPLETE (INC) Grade." The committee presented its case for the addition, to the *Graduate Bulletin*, of a sentence, which would clarify the definition of and administration of the INC grade. The motion passed with a vote of 69 yeas, 3 nays, and 0 abstention. The committee recommended that chairs communicate the clarification to faculty and especially to adjuncts.
- The Committee on Course & Standing: Professor Remy presented the following motion: "Motion to Clarify the Nature of the INCOMPLETE (INC) Grade). The committee presented its case for the addition, to the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, of a sentence clarifying the definition and administration of the INC. The motion passed with 64 yeas, 4 nays, and 2 abstentions.
- The Committee on Basic Skills: Professor Jones presented the annual report and a number of resolutions. She spoke about rewriting and updating the Basic Skills document. The committee presented the following resolutions: the creation of a new category, called Academic Foundations, that shall include all general education requirements, other than the Core; the replacement of the term "Basic Skills" and "Liberal Competencies" with "Academic Foundations" in all Brooklyn College publications and on the website; the cross-listing of SEEK and ESL requirements under "Academic Foundations" and "Special Programs;" the change of name of the "Basic Skills" document to "The Statement on Academic Foundations." These resolutions, presented together, passed with a vote of 64 yeas, 4 nays, and 1 abstention. In addition, the annual report was accepted. At this point, Steering thanked the Committee and especially Professor Jones for their work on this grand undertaking.
- The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirement and the Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professors Harrow and Florence presented a joint resolution asking for the approval of the new numbering system for all courses at Brooklyn College, effective August 2010 for implementation for the fall 2010 semester. The resolution passed with a vote of 66 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Harrow presented Curriculum Document 339. The document passed with a vote of 61 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions. In addition, Professor Harrow presented the annual report, which was accepted.
- Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Prof. Florence

presented Curriculum Document 194. The document passed with 64 yeas. In addition, Professor Florence presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Admissions: Professor Pollard presented two resolutions. First, it presented the "Resolution to Require the College Admissions Office to Provide Information on Admissions Policies to Faculty on an Annual Basis." After discussion among members of Faculty Council, the Committee agreed to change "Require" to "Request." The resolution passed with a vote of 63 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. Professor Pollard presented the "Resolution to Require the College Admissions Office to Gather Information on Incoming Undergraduates' Musical Abilities." "Require" was changed to "Request." The resolution passed with a vote of 64 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. The annual report was accepted.

Committee on Master Planning, Education Policy, & Budget: Professor Hager presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on CORE Curriculum: Professor Whitlock presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Honors, Citations, & Awards: Professor Trivedi presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics: Professor Sinclair presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Library: Professor Johnson presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Research: Professor Schaeffer presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Review of Programs: Professor Grubbs presented the annual report. Professor Tomkiewicz spoke about Environmental Studies and provided information that was not included in the report, including the lack of budget, time, and personnel. The annual report was accepted.

(5719) Old Business There was no old business

(5720) New Business There was no new business.

(5721) Adjournment There being no further business, the Chair thanked the members of Faculty Council for their efforts throughout the year and declared the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

María Pérez y González,  
Chair

Martha Nadell,  
Secretary