

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

October 12, 2010

- (5734) Call to order The second meeting of Faculty Council for the 2010-2011 academic year was called to order at 3:26 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Professor Pérez y González.
- (5735) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Russell (Anthro & Archaeo), Yarrow (Classics), Cheng & Powell (E&ES), Sardy (Economics); Divisional Delegates: Fairey (Humanities), Tomkiewicz (Science) were absent (-7); Kobrak (Chemistry) were excused (-1); Administrators: Faria, Green, Wagner, Hewitt, Gilbert, Joyner, Czirak, & Hainline were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5736) Minutes of September, 2010 Professor Nadell presented the minutes of September 7, 2010. Professor Snow (Mathematics) made a motion to defer approval of the minutes of September 7, 2010 until the next meeting because delivery of the packets was delayed. The motion was approved.
- (5737) Steering Committee Professor Pérez y González discussed the Faculty Council on-line nominations for the search committees for the four school deans. She asked that those who were nominated and are interested in accepting the nomination and who had not yet done so due to technical difficulties or time constraints send an e-mail to James Eaton (jeaton@brooklyn.cuny.edu) by 8:00 pm of October 12, 2010. The final round of nominations will take place on line until Friday, October 15, 2010 at 12:00 pm. Of the four final nomination slates, President Gould will select two members to serve on each of the deans search committees.
- She also reminded the members that the election of two Faculty Council members for the Committee on Review was taking place on line from October 25 through October 29, 2010.
- Professor Pérez y González spoke about the University Faculty Senate 2009 Faculty Experience Survey. She has contacted a number of Faculty Council committees so that Brooklyn College may create action plans. These committees include the Committee on Undergraduate Education and Technology, Campus Planning, Master Planning, Education Policy, & Budget, the Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Committees, Research, and the PSC-CUNY chapter. She reminded Faculty Council members that responses are due at the end of October.
- (5738) Communications from the Administration President Gould announced CUNY VOTES, a new initiative from CUNY. Members of the CUNY community will receive a 25% discount on all athletic gear with campus or institutional logos at the campus bookstores. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to wear the CUNY gear when they vote during the upcoming election, so as to put pressure on local officials and to remind them that our votes, and especially those of our students, matter. She asked that Faculty Council members encourage students to wear Brooklyn College gear when they vote.
- President Gould announced that there are opportunities for students to participate as poll workers during the upcoming election.
- President Gould thanked the Brooklyn College community for its involvement in the searches for deans. She stressed the importance of diversity on the search committees.

Vice President for Student Affairs Morales received nominations and self-nominations for the student members of the committees. She declared that efforts were made to put an undergraduate and graduate member on each committee. She asked that student nominations continue, as the schedule for the search committee is not yet finalized. Students who may have agreed to serve initially may not be able to serve when the schedule is finalized, so alternates may be necessary.

President Gould announced the beginning of the larger Strategic Planning Working Committee. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, October 9, 2010 from 12:15 to 2:15 pm. Over one hundred individuals are serving. She encouraged participants to arrive on time, so that the meeting can get underway promptly. Members of the working committee should expect an e-mail from President Gould on Wednesday, October 13. The e-mail will contain a number of drafts of material.

Bonnie Impagliazzo, Director of Government and External Affairs and CUNY Campaign Coordinator, announced the CUNY Campaign to raise funds for over 1200 charities. Last year, CUNY raised \$600,000. Brooklyn College raised \$23,000 with only 7% participation. There is no minimum to contribute. Participants may contribute one time only or have contributions deducted from their paychecks. There are a number of memorial scholarship funds, as well as other charities. She asked that anyone interested in volunteering to coordinate his or her department contact her at bonniei@brooklyn.cuny.edu or at 718-951-5391.

- (5739) Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees presented two nominations: Professor James Lynch (Business) was nominated to Course and Standing. Professor Annie Hauck-Lawson (Health and Nutrition Sciences) was nominated to Honors, Citations, and Awards. All nominations were approved.
- (5740) Liaison with University Faculty Senate Professor Leslie Jacobson reported on the University Faculty Senate. First, she announced a resolution in honor of Professor Martha Bell (SEEK), who was a major force in the UFS and across CUNY. Second, Professor Jacobson announced the CUNY policy on e-discovery. A memo will be sent to the members about this issue. It states that any material on a CUNY or personal computer on which college business may have been conducted may be tapped if it is relevant to a lawsuit. Third, Professor Jacobson reported that the year's budget allocation will be very bad. Fourth, she discussed the resolution regarding federal support for for-profit colleges. Supporting material warns of the dangers of for-profit colleges. The UFS would like CUNY campuses to endorse the resolution. The following resolution was presented to Faculty Council: Be it resolved that the Brooklyn College Faculty Council endorse the UFS resolution with regard to federal support for for-profit colleges and universities. The resolution was approved unanimously.
- (5741) Degree lists Degree lists 2011/7, 8, 9, & 10 were presented by Prof. Bowdoin and were approved unanimously.

(5742) Report of Standing Committees Committee on College Integrity and Academic Freedom: Professor Augenstein read the following statement:
The Faculty Council Committee on College Integrity met to consider the recent publicity that the college received for its choice of a common freshman reading experience (*How Does It feel to Be a Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America* by Moustafa Bayoumi) . This publicity included items in various newspapers, web pages, parts of television broadcasts and some responses by donors to the college. The committee discussed the matter and deemed that the college's response was sufficient. The committee, therefore, makes no resolution to Faculty Council at this time.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) reminded members of Faculty Council that any curriculum documents needing approval for this semester should be sent to him by the November 16 deadline. In addition, he drew attention to the format for the curriculum documents. He presented Curriculum Document 340 with the following corrections. Page 26 should be removed. On page 11, extra word "lecture" should be removed. On page 4, the underlined material should read, "With permission of the Chairperson of the Department of Computer and Information Science, students may substitute either Mathematics 1206 or Mathematics 2501 for either Mathematics 1711 or Mathematics 1716. Professor Langsam (CIS) explained that necessity of this change. He stated that department chairs should have the discretion to allow course substitutions in light of the fact that the Committee on Course & Standing is denying petitions for substitutions in an effort to force departments to adhere to the letter of the bulletin and to force the administration to offer more courses. Professor Snow presented a resolution to leave page 4 as written. It was defeated with 18 yeas, 57 nays, and 8 abstentions. The document was approved with 71 yeas, 5 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Prof. Florence (Education) presented Curriculum Document 197. The document was approved with 77 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Committees on Academic Foundations and Course & Standing: The committee presented the "Motion to amend language requirements." The motion passed with 78 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Course & Standing: Professor Remy presented its annual report. After a discussion of the Bridges to Brooklyn program and the issue of substitutions, the report was accepted.

(5743) Old Business There was no old business.

(5744) New Business Professor Tremper asked about departmental front matter for the bulletin. She asked if departments could change the wording of this material without seeking Faculty Council approval. She was assured that departments are able to do this.

(5745) 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 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

María Pérez y González,
Chair

Martha Nadell,
Secretary