

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

FACULTY COUNCIL

December 11, 2012

- (5940) Call to order The fourth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2012-2013 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (5941) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Ciszowska (Chemistry), Shannon (ECAE), Cheng & Powell (E&ES), Cherry (Economics), Troyansky (History), Girelli-Carasi (Modern Lang.), Miyano (Physics), Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL); School Delegates: Childers, Menser, Minter & Sowers (Humanities & Social Sci.), Augenstein (Natural & Behavioral Sci.), Grubbs & Jensen-Moulton (Visual, Media & Performing Arts) were absent (-16); Klein (Economics), Walker (Library), Johnson (Physical Ed.), & Ungar (Political Sci.) Lenzer (Children & Youth Sci.), Okome (Humanities & Social Sci.) were excused (-6); Administrators: Faria, Green, Hewitt, Gilbert & Schechter were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5942) Minutes of Professor Langsam presented the minutes of October 16, 2012 & November 13, October 16, 2012 & 2012. The minutes were approved.
November 13, 2012
- (5943) Steering Professor Langsam stated that Faculty Council would distribute materials for each Committee meeting electronically. He asked anyone who objected to this new practice to contact him directly. Professor Langsam then read a minute for Professor Emeritus Dessart (TV & Radio). Faculty Council then observed a moment of silence for Professor Emeritus Dessart. An election was conducted for two members of the Committee on Committees. Professors Manlow (Finance & Business Management), Bloomfield (Childhood, Bilingual, & Special Education) and Remy (History) were nominated. Professor Bloomfield was elected with 57 votes, with Professor Manlow and Remy receiving 43 and 44 votes respectively. A run-off vote was conducted. Professor Manlow received 40 votes and Professor Remy received 35 votes. Professor Manlow was elected.
- (5944) President Gould stated that although finals and grading are on the minds of faculty, Communications textbooks and course books should have been ordered by now. As of the past from the Thursday, only 30% of faculty had submitted book orders for the 2013 spring Administration semester. President Gould reminded Faculty Council that faculty should do better than this as ordering books in a timely fashion is, in fact, a federal law, part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act and we are out of compliance. More important is the effect on students. Ordering books late means that our students have insufficient time to find affordable textbooks. President Gould urged Faculty Council members to contact other faculty members, including adjuncts, to remind them that it is imperative to order books early so that students may find affordable textbooks. She thanked Faculty Council members for their underscoring the importance of this message in departments and among colleagues and for letting students know that faculty members are doing this.
- President Gould then spoke about the November 26, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting. The Chancellor submitted to the Board a \$3 billion budget for fiscal year 2014 for submission to New York State Governor Cuomo. The senior college total request is \$2.2 billion of this amount, which includes a \$145.5 million increase over this year's budget. Of that amount, \$92.2 million is for baseline needs, and, \$53.3 million is for programmatic increases, including an additional \$5 million set aside for student financial assistance, for a total of \$10 million across CUNY. This includes

some textbook relief. Some of the major items that the Chancellor's budget identified for the FY14 increase includes the following across CUNY: over 400 new faculty positions, support for academic advising and career services counselling, more support for college readiness, students with disabilities, veteran services, the Black Male Initiative, workforce and economic development, healthcare education, sustainability efforts, and internships in particular in the STEM disciplines. The budget will make its way to Albany, where the Chancellor will lobby for these items.

President Gould then announced that Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Giovannelli has hired Frances X. Fitzgerald to serve as the new Assistant Vice President for Facilities. He will begin in January 3, 2013. President Gould thanked SVP Giovannelli and Vice President for Enrollment Management Joyner, who chaired the search committee, for their efforts. VP Joyner has hired a new HEO A to lead Degreeworks inputting and to help with CUNY First training.

Provost Tramontano spoke about the Pathways process. As of December 10, over 1200 courses had been submitted to the Common Core Course Review Committees plus an additional 450 STEM variant courses. On November 30, the Provost handed in to Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Logue a preliminary outline of BC Pathways submission. The preliminary document includes 19 courses; 4 courses are Macaulay seminars, and 15 courses are from the common cores plus 1 or 2 new courses (due to the fact that there were no common core courses that fit in the US and Its Diversity bucket). The Provost is waiting for preliminary approval from CUNY Central, as the final submission is due by December 28, 2012. The Central office is well aware that these courses did not go through governance and are not likely to go through governance at Brooklyn College, but the Provost was directed by EVC Logue to submit the courses anyway. There are changes in course titles and numbers, which will go up on the Provost's website. The Provost stated that he had done his best to adhere to the integrity of the Brooklyn College core and tried to match the courses to Pathways. The Provost stated that the average submission from the CUNY colleges is 60 Pathways course per institution. The Provost stated that he intends to start a discussion about the overall revision of the core, which is due in 2014. The review will take place in the spring of 2013.

The Chair, Professor Langsam, asked the Provost if it were true "that the administration has renumbered classes that have not gone through Faculty Council and the administration has or intends on rewriting requirements in the Bulletin to conform to Pathways without approval, at this point, of Faculty Council?" The Provost responded in the affirmative. Professor Langsam then said, "Then for the record let me state, without discussing the merit, that Faculty Council considers this to be a violation of college governance and believes that this is an illegal act by the administration and the chancellery."

(5945) Committee
on Committees

The Committee on Committees had no report.

(5946) Liaison with
the Faculty Senate

Professor Jacobson gave a brief summary of the most recent University Faculty Senate meeting. The Chancellor gave an extensive report on CUNY's involvement with Hurricane Sandy. He personally toured the Rockaway's, Neponsit, and Staten Island among other hard hit places. He stated that he had never experienced "such devastation, despair, and bewilderment." Faculty and staff were so forthcoming in help that it was truly remarkable. The Chancellor was extremely touched by the outreach, as he said "the sense of humanity". Four students were killed. Five Campuses lost power, and 10 campuses were used as shelters. Some students still have no homes. A website was created for faculty and staff to donate excess vacation time to members of the university who still need extra time to get back to some kind of normalcy.

The Chancellor said that he is the Chair of a NYC Regional Economic Council,

which meets with New York State Governor Cuomo about getting state aid for the city's economic development. Last year they got \$66 million in grants for the city. He is also a leadership member of the NY Education Reform Commission, which deals with educational issues, including teacher preparation. He is also working with *U.S. News & World Report* to hold a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) conference, related to improving U.S. education in these crucial areas. He feels that our current problem related to educating students in these areas, which includes graduating very few students from college who major in these areas, is a "national security problem" for the US. He also reported that the New Community College has been accredited and that the Office of Civil Rights dismissed a lawsuit accusing CUNY of discrimination against black students (in regards to the Black Male Initiative).

About Pathways, the Chancellor cited the Rule of Law, which stipulates that when a governing body creates policy, that is the policy and one does not have the freedom to ignore the policy. He said that when the Board creates a University policy, it is his obligation as Chancellor and the obligation of the faculty to carry it out, a rather disingenuous statement, Professor Jacobson stated, since the initiative came from his office and is being implemented by his administration. The Chancellor averred that if faculty do not participate, "You relinquish your right to have a seat at the table." He said that there has been very extensive faculty participation in creating Pathways and that there have been other places in the country where the State Legislature has reformed general education and allowed neither the faculty nor the Board of Education to have a say. He said "We are going to get Pathways done," but allowed that there will be review and some modification.

A number of concerns were raised in the question period following the Chancellor's talk. Concern was expressed specifically about cutting science lab hours and about cutting foreign language requirements. There was general concern that Pathways would decrease the quality of general education at CUNY in such a way that the stated learning outcomes of the "buckets" would not be achieved.

Aside from Pathways, concerns were also expressed about plans that would decrease the involvement of local college faculty in teaching at the grad center and the effect on recruitment of new hires. There was also concern about the evaluation of the Medgar Evars college president.

After the Chancellor left, the "Resolution Calling for a Review of and Moratorium on Pathways" was proposed. The resolution pointed out that the original June 2011 Board resolution on Pathways requires that "all of these pathways policies and processes, including the Common Core, be reviewed and evaluated each year for three years beginning in 2013, and every three years thereafter, to modify them as necessary to improve them or to meeting changing needs." The resolution ends by saying,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the University Faculty Senate calls upon the Chancellery to begin the required review in January 2013 and conduct this review in consultation with the University Faculty Senate, and

Be it further Resolved, that the University Faculty Senate calls for a moratorium by the Chancellery on all further implementation of Pathways until this initial and collaborative review is concluded.

After extensive discussion, the vote on the resolution by the University Faculty Senate was 63 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

(5947) Degree Lists Degree Lists 2013/13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 were presented by Professor Bowdoin (Library) and were approved with a vote of 73 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(5948) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) presented Curriculum Document 359, which passed with a vote of 75 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Ball (Art) presented Curriculum Document 211, which passed with a vote of 72 yeas, 1 nay, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget: Professor MacIntyre (Music) presented a resolution to accept in principle the establishment of the Advanced Certificate in Museum Education (Art) and the Advanced Certificate in Play Therapy (SPCL). The resolution passed with a vote of 73 yeas, 3 nays, and 4 abstentions. Professor MacIntyre said that the exciting new programs that are coming to Master Planning reflect the will of some departments to respond to the wish of the college to address graduate studies at Brooklyn College. He stated that graduate enrollment is down and fixing and developing graduate programs would help with that problem. He urged departments to consider similar innovative programs.

(5949) Old Business There was no old business.

(5950) New Business There was no new business.

(5952) Adjournment There being no further business, the Chair, on behalf of Steering, wished Faculty Council members and attendees a happy and healthy holiday and new year. He declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam,
Chair

Martha Nadell,
Secretary