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 BROOKLYN COLLEGE
 OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
 FACULTY COUNCIL

April 8, 2014

- (6071) Call to order The seventh meeting of Faculty Council for the 2013-20134 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (6072) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Bankoff (Anthro & Archeao), Powell (E&ES), Tremper (English), Velling (Math), Chang (Modern Lang.), Cohen (Music), Currah & Law (Political Sci.); School Delegates: Murrow (Educ), Longtin & O’Keeffe (Humanities & Social Sci), Harrow (Nat & Behavioral Sci), Bullard (Visual, Media & Performing), were absent (-13); Perez y Gonzalez (PRLS), Patkowski (Humanities & Social Sci.) were excused (-2); Administrators: Joyner, Carey, Gilbert, Fitzgerald, Hewitt, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6073) Minutes of March 11, 2014 Professor Nadell (English) presented the minutes of March 11, 2014. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- (6074) Steering Committee Professor Langsam asked for nominations for the Brooklyn College Association Board. Professors Fox (English), Manlow (FBM), and Shapiro (Judaic) were nominated. The Secretary cast a single vote.
- (6075) Communications from the Administration President Gould reported on the New York State budget. She stated that Brooklyn College received \$35 million for the Roosevelt Science Teaching Commons, which was excellent news, especially because in the last two years there has been no capital for CUNY at all. This year, the budget includes \$100 million for CUNY capital projects. There is \$67 million for CUNY capital projects for senior colleges. Those funds will be allocated based upon determination of senate, not the assembly. It is possible that there will be additional funds for Roosevelt, because it is a major project. The current total for Roosevelt is \$100 million. In addition, Brooklyn College should see upwards of \$16 million for operating and maintenance
- President Gould stated that she was pleased to see the development of graduate programs in Media Scoring and Sonic Arts, at a time when CUNY is concerned over grad enrollment. There has been a 25% decline in graduate enrollment across CUNY in past three or four years. Brooklyn College’s undergraduate enrollment has risen during this time, but graduate enrollment remains a concern. This is a conundrum that needs to be addressed. The issue of graduate education is a huge one, but at the same time, Brooklyn College is concerned about quality. We are not committed to graduate education without quality. Indeed, Brooklyn College wants graduate programs that are high quality, productive and attractive to students. She urged faculty to be creative in their thinking about graduate programs and enrollment.
- (6076) Committee on Committees Professor Shortell (Sociology) stated Professor Suarez (Physics) will act as chair of the Committee on Research. Professor Ferholt (ECAE) was nominated to the committee. The

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nominations were approved unanimously.

(6077) Liaison with the
Faculty Senate

Professor Fox (English) read the following report:

Notes on the April 1, 2014 Meeting of the CUNY University Faculty Senate

Before the plenary, UFS members received notes on a meeting of the CUNY Enrollment Management Council which, among other things reported difficulties with cunyfirst, for example, that colleges had trouble finding reports on cunyfirst and that rules written on cunyfirst were lost. Other problems discussed at the meeting included that colleges sometimes needlessly complicate the admission process for students who reapply or apply late by mistakenly treating them as appeals and “forcing them to undergo a process that discourages their eventual enrollment,” and that Brooklyn College lost 100 students due to non-payment, which had never happened before.

We also received a study by a UFS Committee on Admissions and Enrollment Practices at CUNY. One thing that the study reported was that based on the 1999 study by Schmidt et al “CUNY: An Institution Adrift,” commissioned by Mayor Giuliani, the CUNY Board modified its admission policies. The CUNY UFS responded to the Schmidt report in its 1999 report entitled “CUNY: An Institution Affirmed,” in which it predicted that the recommendations of Mayor Giuliani’s report would “exclude thousands of deserving New Yorkers from access to CUNY, including disproportionately African-American, Hispanic, and Asian American students. Related to this prediction, the current UFS committee student reports that at the university’s five most competitive four-year colleges – Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, and Queens – from 2001 to 2007, the percentage of black students among first-time freshmen dropped from 17% to 10%, the percentage of Hispanic students rose some, then dropped some, to about 18%, and Asian American students rose from 25% to 37%. The study also reported widespread dissatisfaction with cunyfirst.

The main guest speaker at the plenary was Interim Chancellor William Kelly. The Chancellor reported that there were some positive things for CUNY in the new NY State budget, including more funding for campus childcare, new STEM scholarships, funds for a job linkage program, funds for some capital improvements, and some increase in TAP grants, but not enough to cover the full cost of tuition, so colleges will have to supplement the TAP grants if they want to cover the full cost of tuition. CUNY has increased the number of full-time faculty, but the number of students has also increased, so the ratio of full-time faculty to students has remained the same. The Chancellor likes President Obama’s idea of rating colleges based on the three metrics of access, affordability, and outcomes, especially since based on these metrics, CUNY’s senior colleges are rated among the top 36 of the country’s top 500 colleges. There is however some pushback against these metrics, especially from colleges who receive a low rating. The Chancellory is moving forward with the plan to ask CUNY faculty governance bodies to appoint members of a Pathways review committee, so the BC Faculty Council will hopefully soon be asked to participate in this process. The Chancellor reported great success of the CUNYStart program, which offers students one intensive semester of remediation for which they do not have to use their TAP grant. He said there are communication problems related to admissions. For example, a student may apply to a CUNY M.A. in education program and not hear from CUNY for several months, whereas the student may apply to a Touro College program, which according to UFS members is inferior to a CUNY program, but get a telephone call from Touro within days, and therefore choose to go to the Touro program. The Chancellor confirmed that Ph.D degree programs in four “life science areas” (chemistry, biochemistry, biology and physics) will be moved from the grad center to individual colleges, partly because the grad center has no lab facilities. This seems to recognize the importance of lab work in the sciences, as

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opposed to the lack of this recognition in the current Pathways curriculum. UFS Chair Terry Martell thanked the Chancellor for significantly changing the tone of the conversation between the UFS and the Chancellory and for some specific good policy changes, including making some modifications in the Pathways rules.

We also had some reports from UFS committees. The Academic Freedom Committee said there will be no immediate Board action on the "CUNY Policy on Expressive Conduct" and that any further action would be the responsibility of the new incoming Chancellor. The Committee on Libraries reported that CUNY is not interested in developing exclusively MOOC courses but rather in hybrid/MOOC courses, involving both meeting with a teacher and doing some online work. This committee is also looking into ways of cutting the costs of textbooks. The Status of the Faculty Committee expresses concern about the status of adjuncts, and feels that CUNY should have a clear policy about faculty getting double credit for teaching a class (in other words, a class should count as teaching two classes) if the class size goes above a certain number. This committee also suggests that faculty should be involved in deciding what should be the PMPs by which the work of college presidents is evaluated.

During our discussion of the work of the libraries committee, UFS members expressed serious concern about the new Middle States Standards for college accreditation, which have been reduced from 14 to 7 standards, put little emphasis on the role of faculty, and make no mention of libraries or of "information literacy."

Finally, the UFS passed the following resolution, as recommended by the UFS Committee for Higher Education in the Prisons:

Be it resolved that the CUNY University Faculty Senate endorses Governor Cuomo's initiative to offer funding for college programs in ten New York State prisons.

A member commented that this is something that CUNY used to do for 30 years, until funding was stopped in the 90s by Governor Pataki. As I said at our last Faculty Council meeting, please contact me if you are interested in working in this area, and especially if you can help to create a math curriculum for these programs.

(6078) Degree Lists

Professor Bowdoin (Library) presented Degree List 2014/11 which was approved with a vote of 85 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6079) Report of Standing Committees

Committee on College Integrity: Professor Langsam presented the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy & Budget: Professor MacIntyre (Music) presented a resolution recommending support in principle for an Advanced Certificate in Music Performance and Artist Diploma in Music Performance. The resolution passed with 86 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. He then presented a resolution recommending support in principle for an MFA in Sonic Arts and an MFA in Media Scoring. The resolution passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 1 nay, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) presented Curriculum Document 369 with changes, which was approved with a vote of 84 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Grubbs (Music)

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presented Curriculum Document 219, which was approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

- (6080) Old Business There was no old business.
- (6081) New Business The Committee on Core Curriculum announced that the Core Conference will take place on April 25, 2014.
- (6082) Adjournment There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary