The eighth 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).

The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Bankoff (Anthro & Archeao), Mallory (Art), Ciszkowska & Dowd (Chemistry), Li (ECAE), Powell (E&ES), Ebert & Warren (History), Zeng (Kinesiology), Chang (Modern Lang.), Trivedi (Philosophy), Miyano (Physics), Currah & Law (Political Sci.), Weston (Psychology), Bank Munoz (Sociology); School Delegates: Hampton-Sosa (Business), Okome, Patkowski, Sowers & Steel (Humanities & Social Sci), Hainline (Nat & Behavioral Sci), Ball (Visual, Media & Performing), were absent (-23); Bullard (Visual, Media & Performing), were excused (-1); Administrators: Sillen, Joyner, Carey, Gilbert, Fitzgerald, Hewitt, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.

Professor Nadell (English) presented the minutes of April 11, 2014. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Professor MacIntyre (Music) made a Motion of Privilege. He stated a number of new courses were sent to the Committee on Graduate Curriculum from the Conservatory of Music. There was a problem with communication, and the courses did not go through to the committee. He asked that Faculty Council meet on May 8, 2014 to vote on these courses. The question was called and failed, with a vote of 19 yeas, 58 nays, and 1 abstention.

Professor Langsam announced the University Faculty Senate Representatives.

President Gould was unable to attend Faculty Council. Provost Tramontano stated that the President sent her regrets. He reported that there was good news with regard to summer enrollments, which are doing well, especially compared to last year. With four more weeks before the beginning of classes, there has been good growth. The Provost stated that he hoped for a significant increase in summer enrollment.

The Provost informed Faculty Council that the PRR report is in the portal. The administration is still receiving comments. The Provost commended and thanked Assistant Provost for Special Projects Colette Wagner for her work on the PRR report. He stated that he is very pleased with documents.

The Provost announced that there will be some administrative changes in the fall of 2014. After eleven years, Associate Provost of Faculty Administration Mirotznik will step down. He will take the year to retool. The provost declared his gratitude for Associate Provost Mirotznik’s leadership and honesty. Associate Provost Mirotznik received a standing ovation. Interim Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Moore, who has served with great distinction, will move into that position. The Provost then spoke about Dean of the School of Education Shanley, who has sixteen years of leadership, as chair and then as dean. He commended her commitment and dedication to students, faculty, and
CUNY. She will move on to another phase of her career and will help the new dean with the transition. Dean Shanley received a standing ovation.

Professor Shortell (Sociology) announced that a resolution will be presented at the September meeting of Faculty Council. The resolution requests a change in the size of the Committee for Honors, Citations, and Award, which will require a change in governance. He presented the list of nominations for Faculty Council committees. The nominations were approved with a vote of 78 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions. He thanked the members of the committee for their work.

Professor Bowdoin (Library) presented Degree List 2014/12 & 13, which was approved with a vote of 82 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Professor Langsam thanked Professor Bowdoin and the committee for their work.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Tenenbaum (CIS) presented Curriculum Document 370 with changes, which was approved with a vote of 78 yeas, 0 nays and 2 abstentions. Professor Langsam thanked Professor Tenenbaum for his leadership of the committee.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Grubbs (Music) presented Curriculum Document 220 with changes, which was approved with a vote of 78 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

Committees on Academic Foundations and Core: Professor Brooks (English) and Kellogg (Classics) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam thanked them for their extremely valued work. Professors Brooks and Kellogg stated that the draft of the report on general education at Brooklyn College was almost complete. It will be finalized after Faculty Day, on May 21, 2014 and will be distributed before the summer. A discussion will take place on the floor of Faculty Council during the 2014-2015 academic year. Professor Langsam thanked them for their efforts on this critical report.

Committee on Academic Integrity: Professor Johnson (Political Science) submitted the annual report. She described key accomplishments and findings.

Committee on Admissions: Professor Nakarami (Physics) submitted the annual report, which was accepted.

Committees on Course and Standing and Graduate Admissions: Professors Cohen (Music) and Rawson (History) presented the "Resolution Amending the Grade Appeal Process, which was approved with a vote of 74 yeas, 4 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Course and Standing: Professor Cohen presented the "Resolution Clarifying
Undergraduate Degree Requirements for Students in Changed Programs," which was approved with a vote of 72 yes, 4 nays, and 0 abstentions. Professor Langsam thanked Professor Cohen for his leadership of the committee.

Committee on Computer Utilization and Educational Technology: Professor Remy (History) submitted the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Honors, Citations, and Awards: Professor Evans (Library) submitted the annual report, which was accepted.

Committee on Library: Professor Estey (Poli Sci) presented the annual report. Professor Walker (Library) spoke about small errors in the report and stated that she will submit an addendum. A discussion of the "Resolution of the Brooklyn College Library" followed. Provost Tramontano discussed funding for the Library and the difficulties surrounding funding. He stated that raising funds for the Library is a priority and that money for operating costs may mean less staffing. Professor Walker thanked Professor Estey and the committee for their activities. She described the rising costs for the Library and stated that she is working closed with Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Giovannelli to identify additional revenue sources. She moved to table the resolution. The motion failed with a vote of 31 yeas, 25 nays, and 3 abstentions. The resolution passed with a vote of 56 yeas, 6 nays, and 8 abstentions.

(6091) Old Business
There was no old business.

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Professor Perez y Gonzalez (PRLS) made a motion that a sunset date of May 13, 2014 be set for a decision on the outstanding graduate Music courses. The motion passed with a vote of 59 yeas, 4 nays, and 2 abstentions.

Professor Florence invited Faculty Council members to a reception in honor of Dean Shanley, which will take place on May 12 in SUBO. She announced a scholarship in her honor.

(6093) Adjournment
Professor Langsam thanked Faculty Council members for their critical work and extraordinary level of dedication. There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam                  Martha Nadell
Chair                              Secretary