

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL

December 12, 2017

- (6403) Call to order      The fourth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (6404) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Perdikaris (Anthro & Archae), Miyano (Physics); School Delegate: Zolkower (Educ.), Bowdoin, Sowers & Vitale (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Hardin (Nat. & Bev. Sci.), were absent (-7); Davenport (Nat. & Bev. Sci.) & Porter (Prog Dir.) was excused (-2); Administrators: Hopkins, Fitzgerald, Hewitt, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present
- (6405) Minutes of November 14, 2017      The minutes of November 14, 2017 were approved unanimously.
- (6406) Steering Committee      Professor Langsam (CIS) read the following minute for Professor Perluck (English):
- Professor Herbert Perluck of the English Department died on June 13, 2017, one day after his ninety-third birthday. A man of great heart, compassion, and joy in living, he served as a medic in the European Theater in World War II. When he returned to civilian life, he married his wartime sweetheart Gertrude and, because she was at Iowa State University, this Brooklyn boy found himself in the heartland, where he got his B.S. degree in 1948. He then moved east and got both his A.M. (1950) and Ph.D. (1955) at Brown University, where he was an instructor from 1950-55. After, he taught for two years at Rhode Island College of Education and for another two years at Connecticut College before moving to his true home, Brooklyn College, in 1960, where he taught full-time until 2000, and beyond as an adjunct professor.
- The man loved to teach, and his students loved to be taught by him. To stand in the doorway of his classroom or of his office—if he were teaching a small group of students—was an education for his peers, as well. No one could read a text like Herb. He was a “deconstructor” years before literary deconstruction was in vogue.
- A man who served the College in many roles over the years, Herb first joined the English Department’s administration as Ellen Belton’s deputy chair in the 1980s. In 1991, he was elected chair and served for three terms. That made him the longest-serving chairperson until the millennium. His re-elections were a tribute to his wisdom and ability to lead his colleagues.
- His life, marked by great joy and gusto, was also marred by the deaths of his wife Gertrude, who predeceased him in 2007, by his daughter Debbie Collins’s and son David’s, and grandson Theodore Woodward’s. He is survived by his grandchild Molly Silva, her husband, David, his grandchildren, Ben and Lucia Perluck, his great-

grandchildren Miranda Walker and Dan and Sam Silva, as well as two great-great-grandchildren, Reagan and Wyatt Walker.

George Eliot's words about her heroine Dorothea Brooke, at the end of *Middlemarch*, with appropriate pronominal changes, aptly described Professor Perluck: His finely touched spirit had still its fine issues, though they were not widely visible. His full nature, like that river of which Cyrus broke the strength, spent itself in channels which had no great name on the earth. But the effect of his being on those around him was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.

The election for the Committee on Committees took place. Professors Cherrier (EESC) and Fischer (ACCT) were nominated and elected with a single vote cast by the Secretary.

Nominations for a slate from which President Anderson will choose members to serve on the Provost search committee. The following were nominated: Professors Cumberbatch (AFST), Hadler (ART), Shannon (ECAE), Langsam (CSI), Smith (CLAS), Jensen-Moulton (MUSC), Klein (ECON), Llanos (MLAN), Massood (FILM), Kellogg (CLAS), Haine (FILM), Grasso (PSYCH), Contel (CHEM), Bloomfield (SEED), Hass (PSYCH), Powell (EESC), Basil (BIO)

(6407) Communications  
from the Administration

President Anderson discussed the three major searches at Brooklyn College. The search for Vice President of Institutional Advancement has been launched. The President is seeking a waiver for Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning / Chief Financial Officer Gilbert so that he may be appointed to the position of Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration. The President will assemble a team for the search for Provost.

President Anderson then discussed CUNY Central's new policy regarding the declaration of majors. If students do not declare a major by the time they have sixty credits, there will be a hold on the financial aid for those students. Several practices will help with advisement for the implementation of this policy. These include degree maps for majors and the rapid evaluation of transfer credits.

President Anderson announced that Citizenship Now was on the Brooklyn College campus for a very successful event on December 4, 2017. President Anderson thanked Director of the Center for Academic Advisement and Student Success Perez for his efforts. Citizenship Now will return during the spring semester.

President Anderson then discussed the Strategic Plan, which will go through three drafts. She described the process of writing the plan, which has included meetings, emails, priority strategy sessions, and meetings between President Anderson and the coordinator of the Strategic Plan Professor Lewis (Sociology). President Anderson described three executive decisions about how to structure strategic actions: the choice to focus on what members of the Brooklyn College, rather than external actors, are able to accomplish, the choice to refrain from writing a lobbying

position paper, and the choice to assign responsibility to individuals or offices for strategic actions, within the framework of faculty governance. President Anderson then discussed a number of critiques of specific elements in the current draft. Finally, she called for participation in the process and suggestions for and responses to the plan, which is still in the draft phase. A robust discussion with faculty followed.

- (6408) Committee on Committees Professor Shortell (SOC) presented nominations for the Faculty Council committee assignments for 2017-18. The Secretary cast a single vote for their election.
- (6409) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate Professor Queneau (BUMA) reported on the recent meeting of the University Faculty Senate. The meeting consisted of a presentation by Chancellor Miliken, the passage of resolution to endorse the University Student Senate Enhanced MOE Bill, and discussion among UFS members.
- (6410) Degree Lists Degree Lists 2018/6 & &7 passed with a vote of 90 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- (6411) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Cohen (Music) presented Curriculum Document 391 with changes. It passed with a vote of 87 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- Committee on Graduate & Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Wills (History) presented Curriculum Document 244 with changes. It passed with a vote of 84 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- (6412) Old Business There was no old business.
- (6413) New Business There was no new business.
- (6414) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary