

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL

May 8, 2018

- (6451) Call to order      The seventh 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).
- (6452) Roll call          The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Byam (Africana), Andersen (Film), Palmquist (Music), Chopra (Philosophy), Miyano (Physics), Parmar (SEED), Sosa (TV/Radio); School Delegate: Bowdoin, Childers, Davis, Minter & Vitale (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Hainline & Hardin (Nat. Beh. Sci.), Porter (Prog. Dir.) were absent (-15); Vivier (Vis. Media & Perm. Arts.) was excused (-1); Administrators: Whatley, Fitzgerald, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present
- (6453) Minutes of April 10, 2018      The minutes of April 10, 2018 with changes were approved unanimously.
- (6454) Steering Committee      Professor Langsam (CIS) read a minute, written by Emeritus Professor Gerardi (History) for Professor Burrows (History):
- “Edwin Burrows, friend and colleague for five decades, and I met in a Columbia graduate colloquium on the politics of post-revolutionary America. Qualities I came to know well over the years were evident from the first - penetrating intelligence, quick wit, dogged persistence in following through on projects. These served him well as a dedicated teacher, in the long commitment that produced Gotham, the Pulitzer Prize history of New York City he co-authored with Michael Wallace, and Forgotten Patriots, a sensitive treatment of American prisoners of war during the Revolution. His spirit and determination are particularly evident in his latest book, The Finest Building in America, the New York Crystal Palace, written while dealing courageously with the debilitating effects of Parkinson’s, a disease that robbed him of the retirement he richly deserved. During many decades he was a genuine citizen of the College, who served many terms on the most demanding college committees: Undergraduate Curriculum, Master Planning, Center for Teaching, and the diverse, frequent sessions developing the Core Curriculum. He made numerous popular appearances with alumni groups.
- Ted will be sorely missed not only by his family, the center of his life, and his friends but also the students he inspired over a long career. One of them,

recently graduated from Yale with a doctorate in Early America, speaks for many: Ted was an amazing person and was as good a mentor anyone could ever hope to have. I was so incredibly fortunate to have benefited from his mentorship as a historian and his friendship as a person.”

Professor Langsam thanked Provost Tramontano for his hard work on behalf of and his dedication to the students and administration. Professor Langsam wished him the best of wishes for his future endeavors.

A special election was held for a temporary at-large member of Faculty Council for Fall 2018 and for a temporary member of the Committee on Committees for the 2018-2019 academic year. Professors Cumberbatch (Africana) was nominated and elected as the at-large member, with one vote cast by the Secretary. Professor Estey (Political Science) was elected to the Committee on Committees, with one vote cast by the Secretary.

The results of the election for representatives to the University Faculty Senate were announced: Professors Hainline (Psychology), Levy (Communication Arts, Sciences, & Disorders), and Vitale (Sociology) will serve as part of the Brooklyn College delegation. Professors Grayson (Accounting) and Fischer (Accounting) will serve as alternates.

Professor Langsam announced that the triennial elections for department chairs were taking place. He thanked outgoing chairs for their service and stated that he looked forward to meeting new chairs in the fall. He announced that on-line nominations for at-large delegates for Faculty Council would take place from May 15-May 17, 2018. The on-line election will occur from May 22-May 25.

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Communications from  
the Administration

President Anderson commented on the great job in faculty hiring in the past year. She thanked all those that participated and stated that Chief Diversity Officer Thomas will provide a summary report about faculty hiring. Chief Diversity Officer Thomas will serve as legal counsel for Brooklyn College. A search will be conducted for a new Chief Diversity Officer. President Anderson stated that anyone interested in serving on the search committee for that position should let her know.

President Anderson discussed the role of the deans at Brooklyn College and the reports she received from Academic Affairs and the Deans, Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget, Academic Affairs, and CAP. She thanked Professor Whitlock (CIS) and Master Planning for the report. She discussed a number of elements of the reports and stated that she would assess the three reports and develop a proposal for Policy Council.

President Anderson reported on an excellent meeting about academic freedom to attempt to develop a joint statement the faculty and administration about academic freedom at Brooklyn College. Members include Professor Shortell, who is leading the committee, and Professors Braine (Sociology), Mallory (Library), Bloomfield (SEED), Chief Diversity Officer Thomas, and

President Anderson. The committee will meet again in the fall.

President Anderson announced that the grade submission deadline would be May 29, 2019.

President Anderson expressed appreciation for the progress made in the repair and maintenance of facilities and expressed her great appreciation to Senior Vice-President for Finance and Administration Gilbert and his team.

She reported on the status of the Strategic Plan, which is in its last stages. She thanked Professor Lewis for her efforts. Following two weeks for feedback, implementation will begin this summer. Professor Lewis will become Interim Associate Provost for Faculty and Administration and help implement the plan.

President Anderson thanked Associate Provost for Faculty and Administration Moore for his five years of dedicated service at Brooklyn College. Associate Provost Moore served for one year as Interim Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and four years as Associate Provost. President Anderson expressed her appreciation for his many efforts in diverse areas.

President Anderson updated Faculty Council on the search for the new Provost. Information about the details of campus visits will be provided to faculty shortly. President Anderson thanked those who participated in the search thus far, especially Vice President for Enrollment Management O'Reilly.

President thanked Provost Tramontano for his ten years of service and dedication to the college and reflected on his participation in many important projects at Brooklyn College and CUNY Central. President Anderson reported that Provost Tramontano will serve as Special Assistant to the President of Hunter College.

President Anderson reflected on her second year at Brooklyn College. She stated that she loves her job and that faculty are one of the reasons for that. She spoke about the challenges and rewards of her position and thanked faculty for their key roles of leaders on campus.

(6456) Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees presented nominations to Faculty Council Committees with changes. A new slate for the Committee on Student Advisement was nominated and elected with the following votes: Professors Gerona-Navarro (Chem) (75 votes), Regalado (Library) (70 votes), Siegel (English) (60 votes), Yarrow (Classics) (61 votes). Professor Estey was elected chair of the Committee on Committees.

- (6457) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate Professor Queneau (BuMa) reported on the latest meeting of the University Faculty Senate, at which several issues were discussed: Pathways, the transfer process, and the impact of Pathways on GPAs. Professor Langsam thanked Professor Queneau for his service.
- (6458) Degree Lists Degree Lists 2018/12 & 13 passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- (6459) Report of Standing Committees
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Cohen (Music) presented Curriculum Documents 394 with changes. The document passed with a vote of 82 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.
- Committee on General Education & Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professors Cohen and Estey presented Curriculum Document 395, which passed with a vote of 82 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.
- Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Wills (History) presented Curriculum Document 246. It passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- Committee on College Integrity: There was no report.
- Committee on Honors, Citations, and Awards: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- Committee on Library: The annual report was submitted and accepted
- Committee on Master Planning, Educational Policy, & Budget: Professor Whitlock (CIS) presented the "Report on Faculty and Academic Staff Survey on the Future School Structure and the Role of the Deans."
- Committee on Review of Programs: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- (6460) Old Business There was no old business.
- (6461) New Business Professor Yarrow presented the "Report on Pre-Health Advisement."
- (6462) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary