

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL

April 3, 2018

- (6439) 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).
- (6440) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Byam (Africana), Basil (Biology), Smith (E&ES), Wacks & Haine (FGSW), Andersen (Film), Lin (Finance), Balk (HNS), Alonso (Modern Lang.), Palmquist (Music), Chopra (Philosophy), Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL), Marsh (Theatre); School Delegate: Childers, Minter & Vitale (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Davenport & Kobrak (Nat. Beh. Sci.), Entin & Porter (Prog. Dir.) were absent (-20); Arlig (Philosophy), Fischer (Bus.), & Okome (Humanities & Soc. Sci.) was excused (-3); Administrators: Carey, Fitzgerald, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6441) Minutes of March 13, 2018 The minutes of March 13, 2018 with changes were approved unanimously.
- (6442) Steering Committee Professor Langsam (CIS) introduced Nelson Mandela University Registrar Goolam, who is visiting Brooklyn College from Cape Town, South Africa in order to observe university governance
- Professor Langsam announced, on behalf of Vice President for Student Affairs Jackson, that fifteen departments had not yet provided information about participants for the 2018 commencement. He asked the chairs of those departments to submit that information as soon as possible.
- Professor Langsam announced the election for temporary replacements to fill two upcoming vacancies on Faculty Council Steering Committee, as Professors Aja (PRLS) and Shortell (Soc) will be on sabbatical for fall 2018 & 2019 and fall and spring 2018-2019, respectively. The election will take place at the next meeting of Faculty Council.
- (6443) Communications from the Administration President Anderson made a series of announcements:
- The new Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Todd Galitz, joined Brooklyn College from Pratt Institute, where he led a successful \$100 million campaign. He will meet with representatives from each of Brooklyn College's schools, beginning next week.
 - A successful Citizenship Now event took place on April 3, 2018. President

Anderson thanked Director of CAASS Perez for his efforts.

- The resolution of the New York State Budget has occurred.
- A penultimate draft of the Strategic Plan will be issued in April.
- The Brooklyn College Center on Cancer Research, spearheaded by Professors Contel (Chem) and Basil (Bio), passed Brooklyn College's Policy Council and will be under consideration by the Board of Trustees.
- The Georgian Room will no longer offer service, although the space will remain open. Possible uses of the Georgian Room and bookstore spaces are under discussion. Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert will report more actively on facilities, and the challenges and priorities of facilities repairs and maintenance. President Anderson asked that the Brooklyn College community report on successes in this area to help facilitate a shift in campus culture.
- The 2018 commencement speaker will be Judith E. "Judy" Heumann, known as the "Mother of the Independent Living Disability Rights movement."
- A reduction of the graduate application fee to \$75 is under consideration by the CUNY Board of Trustees.
- The faculty hiring process is underway. Priorities for searches, as well as the budget for lines, are under consideration.
- The search for the Provost position is well underway. The search for the CUNY Chancellor is also underway.

President Anderson discussed the CUNY-wide Academic Momentum initiative. She commented on the strength of the idea and the research supporting it. She discussed the potential positive impact of this campaign on student enrollment and financial aid and reported on the work being done to educate students about this initiative and the effort to support students in this area. She stated that she was looking forward to working with the new Faculty Council committee dedicated to working on this issue. She reported that Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention O'Reilly is leading the Brooklyn College committee and working with the Faculty Council Committee on Student Advisement. In addition, President Anderson stated that she is working with Vice President for Institutional Advancement Galitz to develop funding sources for completion grants if students run out of TAP. A discussion followed.

Provost Tramontano updated Faculty Council on the status of the Middle States review. A discussion followed.

(6444) Committee on Committees

There was no report.

(6445) 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: graduate enrollment, a new A. P. policy, the student activity fee, and the new CUNY Cloud Policy. A discussion followed.

- (6446) Degree Lists Degree List 2018/11 passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 3 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- (6447) Report of Standing Committees Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Wills (History) presented Curriculum Document 245. It passed with a vote of 72 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Computer Utilization & Educational Technology: The annual report was submitted and accepted.
- (6448) Old Business There was no old business.
- (6449) New Business There was no new business.
- (6450) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary