

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
May 14, 2019

- (6547) Call to order      The final meeting of Faculty Council for the 2018-2019 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CISC).
- (6548) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Crossman (Accting), Fraser (Africana), Ball (Art), Kellogg (Classics), Cox (CIS), Flores (E&ES), Conelli (FGSW), Warren (History), Perez Rosario (Modern Lang), Lurz (Philosophy), Parmar (SEED), Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL), Marsh (Theatre); School Delegate: Mandel (Nat. & Beh Sci.), Grubbs (VMPA) were absent (-15); Tremper (Eng), Blitzer (Kinesiology), Bloomfield (SPCL), Banerjee & Bank Munoz (Humanities & Soc. Sci.), Rudowsky (Nat. & Beh Sci.) were excused (-6); Administrators: Galitz, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6549) Minutes of April 9, 2019      The minutes of April 9, 2019 were passed unanimously.
- (6550) Steering Committee      Professor Langsam read the following minutes about the passing of Professor Jonathan Baumbach (English):  
Minute on the Death of Professor Jonathan Baumbach  
Jon Baumbach, a major figure in the English Department from 1966 until his retirement in 2000, died March 28, 2019. He was a co-founder of the department's extremely well-known MFA program in fiction, which he helped administer for nearly 30 years. The program continues to graduate many professional writers.  
Prof. Baumbach was devoted to his craft; Early in his career, he published a critical study of contemporary American fiction, *The Landscape of Nightmare*. He wrote more than a dozen works of his own fiction, many of them highly innovative. In order to further the kind of experimental writing he was increasingly doing, Prof. Baumbach and his English department colleague Peter Spielberg founded the Fiction Collective, which published a number of his books.  
Prof. Baumbach was a Brooklyn College graduate, class of 1955. He earned a master's degree in playwriting from Columbia and, in 1965, a doctorate from Stanford. Before coming to Brooklyn College, he taught at Ohio State and New York University. As a visiting faculty member, he taught at Tufts, Brown, Princeton and the University of Washington. In addition to fiction, Prof. Baumbach was devoted to the

movies. He wrote many essays and reviews about them and twice chaired the National Society of Film Critics. He served as film critic for *Partisan Review*  
Prof. Baumbach is survived by four children and three grandchildren.

Professor Langsam led a moment of silence for the passing of Professor George Shapiro (Math).

The Steering Committee presented the Resolution for Transfer Navigator Pilot Program/Proposal to the Heckscher Foundation. President Anderson described the proposal, which develop a pilot program to help students transfer seamlessly from Kingsborough Community College to Brooklyn College through the development of curriculum maps and an on-line app. The resolution passed with a vote of 79 yeas, 1 nay, and 4 abstentions.

(6551)  
Communications  
from the  
Administration

President Anderson announced that Brooklyn College has not yet received the individual allocation for Brooklyn College from CUNY Central, which will be delivered after the June Board of Trustees meeting. President Anderson remarked that the TAP gap, unfunded contractual increases, and the doubling of the labor reserve will remain operational.

President Anderson announced that fewer than ten faculty lines will be available for 2019-2020 searches. Provost Lopes is in the process of determining departmental allocation of those lines.

President Anderson presented a review of the 2018-2019 academic year. She reported on the following: Middle States accreditation and AACSB accreditation of the Murray Koppelman School of Business (President Anderson thanked Dean Hopkins, Associate Dean Scott, and the Business School faculty team), *US News and World Report*, (Brooklyn College is ranked #1 for student diversity and #12 for undergraduate teaching in the North) and *Princeton Review* and *Forbes* rankings of Brooklyn College as a "best value college," the development of a new portion of the website that focuses on DACA students, the opening of the Leonard and Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts and the Don Buchwald Theater, faculty awards and grants, new faculty members, fundraising, the new CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodriguez, and the 2019 honorary degree recipients.

(6551)  
Committee on  
Committees

Professor Esty (POLS) presented a slate of nominations for Faculty Council committees. The slate was approved with a vote of 78 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention.

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Degree Lists

Degree Lists 2019/11 & 12 passed with a vote of 83 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6554) Report of Standing Committees  
Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Professor Cohen (MUSC) presented Curriculum Document 250, which passed with a vote of 72 yays, 5 nays, and 5 abstentions, and Curriculum Document 500/251, which passed with a vote of 74 yays, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions. A discussion about inactive courses took place.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirement: Professor Shapiro (JUST) presented Curriculum Document 399, which passed with a vote of 78 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the Annual Report, which was accepted, and two erratas for Curriculum Document 397.

Committee on Admissions: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on College Integrity: There was no report.

Committee on General Education: Professor Troyansky (HIST) presented the "Resolution for Clarification of the ICC Category in the College Option," which was approved unanimously.  
Committee on Honor, Citations & Awards: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics: The annual report was presented and accepted. Professor Hainline presented the "Resolution Concerning the Elimination of the Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics," which passed with 79 yays, 2 nays, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Library: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Research: The annual report was presented and accepted.

Committee on Review of Program: The annual report was presented and accepted.

(6555) Old Business  
There was no old business.

(6556) New Business  
An announcement was made about Faculty Day, which will take place on May 16, 2019.

A minute was read about Professor Shapiro:

Professor Langsam thanked Dean Hopkins for his work for Brooklyn College. He thanked Faculty members for their efforts and wished them a restful summer.

(6557)                    The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.  
Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidyah Langsam

Chair

Martha Nadell

Secretary