

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL

May 10, 2016

- (6277) Call to order      The eighth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2015-2016 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (6278) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Day (Africana), Cheng (E&ES), Girelli-Carasi (Mod Lang), Arlig (Philosophy), Nakarmi (Physics), Adams (SEED), Anderson (TV/Radio); School Delegate: Rubinson (Edu), Vitale (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Dexter, Hardin & Lipke (Nat. & Bev. Sci.) were absent (-12); Zeng (Kinesiology), Zolkower (Edu) were excused (2); Administrators: Sillen, Carey, Gilbert, Fitzgerald, Hewitt, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6279) Minutes of April 12, 2016      The minutes of April 12, 2016 were approved unanimously.
- (6280) Steering Committee      On behalf of Steering and Faculty Council, Professor Langsam conveyed deep appreciation to the President for her seven years of service at Brooklyn College. He stated that, despite several instances of disagreements on matters of principal, the President always listened carefully to us. We had respectful dialogue and useful conversations. He declared that Brooklyn College has been changed for the better. He moved officially, for the record, that Faculty Council commends and wishes President Gould a very happy, healthy, and fruitful retirement. He hoped that she would think fondly of us, every once in a while, and even come back to visit us.
- (6281) Communications from the Administration      President Gould thanked Professor Langsam and remarked on her personal plans for retirement. She stated that Professor Langsam's reference to "fruitful" meant grandchildren. She looks forward to her turn with grandchildren, but first there would need to be the wedding of one of her children. She plans to re-engage with her family in a more relaxing way and to be close to her mother. She looks forward to returning to California.
- She stated that, as Professor Langsam mentioned, there have been differences and, also, moments of consensus. She declared that she, as well as Provost Tramontano, have been as respectful of faculty voices as faculty members have been of hers. What more could we ask for, she reflected. Faculty Council is a very important body of Brooklyn College; many important decisions have been made here and will continue to be made. The new President will come to appreciate the

strength of Faculty Council voices and know that they are important ones. She will also learn that there are other voices that are not in the room. We must always weigh all of the voices and the perspectives. She congratulated Faculty Council members for understanding that importance, even as new members join. She congratulated Faculty Council on general education. She congratulated Provost Tramontano and herself for not losing their cool as the process worked itself out. Kudos, she declared, to Faculty Council for a general education that will be good for students and faculty alike.

She stated that the Faculty Council should give incoming President Anderson opportunities to meet smaller groups, as well as the larger body of Faculty Council. Incoming President Anderson has been spending time with President Gould and her cabinet and, President Gould imagined, would be eager to reach out to faculty members as well.

President Gould stated that the Performance Management Process (PMP) will be submitted and made available soon. Brooklyn College is in good shape, she declared, with a healthy CUTRA (City University Tuition Reimbursement Account), and increasing enrollment. The Provost will be thinking about hiring, including staffing positions. President Gould announced the following staffing changes: Chief Diversity Officer Mason-Kinsey has left Brooklyn College. Interim Chief Diversity Officer Fussell will take lead the Office of Diversity and Equity Programs. Vice President for Student Affairs Morales, whom President Gould congratulated, will retire in June. Dean of Students Jackson will be Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. Incoming President Anderson will have the opportunity to address those openings.

President Gould spoke about the students who disrupted the Faculty Council meeting in February. The process of addressing the event in a mutually agreeable way continues.

Provost Tramontano discussed the PMP, which is a summary of Brooklyn College's achievements for the past year. Brooklyn College is in good shape. The new PMP will be due at the end of the summer. An e-mail went out to a number of faculty members about the CUNY Master Plan, due on June 1, 2016. The plan is available on the CUNY website. Chancellor Milliken is interested in getting feedback on the plan. Please comment by May 25, 2016 if interested.

(6282) Committee on Committees

Professor Gargan (Library) presented the list of nominations for Faculty Council with changes. The Secretary of Faculty Council cast one vote for the nominations.

(6283) Degree Lists

Degree Lists 2016/12&13 were approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. Professor Langsam commended the Committee on Review of Student Records for its work.

(6284) Report of Standing Committees

Committee of Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Evans presented Curriculum Document 234 with changes. The document was approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions. The annual report was presented

and approved. Professor Langsam thanked the committee for its work.

Committee on Admissions: Professor Epstein (Speech) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam thanked the committee for its work.

Committee on Campus Planning: Professor Estey (Poli Sci) presented the Motion on Future Operations & Maintenance and Capital Projects Planning. The motion was approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Admissions and Standards: Professor Porter (Soc) presented the Resolution to Update the Front Matter of the Graduate Bulletin, which was approved with a vote of 86 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Committee on Honors, Citations, & Awards: Professor Schvarzstein (Bio) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam thanked the committee for its work.

Committee on Research: Professor Gonsalves (English) presented the Resolution on Course Release Policy for Externally Funded Research. Provost Tramontano spoke about CUNY Central's efforts to review federal regulations about buy-out for research. Regulations will come from CUNY Central, because CUNY is considered, often, a single entity. The resolution passed with a vote of 83 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Review of Programs: Professor Molina (Soc) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam thanked the committee for its work.

Committee on Student Advisement: Professor Regalado (Library) presented the annual report, which was accepted. Professor Langsam thanked the committee for its work.

(6285) Adjournment

Professor Langsam thanked all members of Faculty Council for their service. He wished all a restful summer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidiah Langsam  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary