



BROOKLYN COLLEGE

POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the November 14, 2012 Meeting

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik, Executive Director Jeremy Thompson, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kimberley Phillips, Dean Deborah Shanley, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor Alberto Bursztyn, Professor Moustafa Bayoumi, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mark Kobrak, Simon Stern, Washieka Torres, Brandon Clark, Jeremy Simon, Ezriel Strum, Michael Ari Broker, Christian Paylor-Smith, Corine Vialva, Nakaiya Nicholas.

Excused: Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Professor Ellen Belton, Professor Priya Parmar, Professor Wayne Powell

Absent: Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Bruce MacIntyre, Professor William Childers, Professor Paula Massood, Araham Esses, Trevor Watts, Dilek Sen,

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting were approved.
2. The standing committees were unanimously approved. It was noted that the Policy Council must have three alternates per constituent group.
3. Standing committees were assigned tasks based on the recommendations of the Policy Council, and outlined as follows:
 - **Governance** will review, and assess the charge and the need of all committees, and propose recommendations
 - **Faculty and Student Relations** shall review the report from spring 2012, the student-led textbook reform proposal, and the college responses to Hurricane Sandy
 - **Campus Facilities** will work with Campus Technology Taskforce, identify areas for new student lounge seating, and explore placement and prevalence of waste/recycling receptacles on campus
 - **Long Range Planning** will work with Campus Technology Taskforce, and also research open-source, online learning
 - **External Relations** will discuss Brooklyn College's impact and image in the borough

- **Budget** will consider the issue of rising student debt
4. Senior VP Giovannelli provided an update on the Campus Technology Taskforce. The committee has met three times already and the consultant, Phil Hill, has made campus visits and has met with students, department chairs, and administrators who have heavy use of IT (i.e. enrollment staff). Students across the campus will be surveyed during the faculty evaluation period, and more student focus groups will occur in the spring. A report will be submitted to the President in May 2013.
 5. President Gould gave an update of the college and university response to Hurricane Sandy. She noted that \$22,000 had be raised to supplement the Petrie Fund to aid students who were negatively impacted by the hurricane and required emergency funding and assistance. David Rosenberg of CLAS student government gave an update of student government-led hurricane relief activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.