

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the February 13, 2013 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik, Executive Director Jeremy Thompson, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kimberley Phillips, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Bruce MacIntyre, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor Moustafa Bayoumi, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Paula Massood, Abraham Esses, Simon Stern, Washieka Torres, David Rosenberg, Dilek Sen, Jeremy Simon, Ezriel Strum, Michael Ari Broker, Christian Paylor-Smith.

Excused: Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Deborah Shanley, Professor Alberto Bursztyn, Professor Wayne Powell.

Absent: Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Ellen Belton, Professor William Childers, Professor Priya Parmar, Brandon Clarke, Corine Vialva, Jouxne Laird.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting were approved.
2. There was a vote to substitute a member of the Campus Facilities Committee. William Elfstrom was replaced by Francis Fitzgerald. The vote was unanimously approved.
3. Vice President Joe Giovannelli distributed the draft minutes Standing Committee on Campus Facilities. Three topics were discussed: 1) student lounges 2) campus technology and 3) sustainability (primarily energy consumption and recycling). Suggestions were made regarding restroom cleanliness, the need for a multi-year modernization plan/scheme, enhanced custodial attention to high-usage areas such as the Library Café, and the need for more left-handed desks. VP Giovannelli provided an update on capital projects, both programmatic (seen) and infrastructure (unseen), with highlights of the lecture hall renovation projects in Old Ingersoll, New Ingersoll and Whitehead.
4. The February 7th BDS Event was discussed at length. President Gould noted that this matter is larger than Brooklyn College. It is an international matter, and colleges are places where such tough conversations can and should occur. A faculty member applauded the President for upholding the principles of academic freedom and defending that principle under such pressure. Some students raised concerns about the administration's handling of the matter, and said that students were not

consulted. Other students took issue with the Political Science Department's role, noting that they felt the department acted carelessly and did not consider academic responsibility as well as academic freedom. There was wide consensus that the event management was weak, with 4 Jewish students being asked to leave and poor management of the RSVP list. Professor Langsam requested that the President convene the External Relations Committee to address the matter and generate a report for the full Policy Council to review. The President agreed to do so, and noted that she has also requested an external review from CUNY Legal to help the college determine what happened and to help the College develop better policies and procedures going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.