

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the May 7, 2013 Meeting**

Present: 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, Executive Director Steven Schechter, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Deborah Shanley, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Bruce MacIntyre, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor William Childers, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Paula Massood, Abraham Esses, David Rosenberg, Joseph Grunfeld, Dilek Sen, Jeremy Simon, Ezriel Strum, Christian Paylor-Smith, Jouxne Laird.

Absent: Dean Kimberley Phillips, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Moustafa Bayoumi, Professor Alberto Bursztyn, Professor Ellen Belton, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Priya Parmar, Professor Wayne Powell, Michael Ari Broker, Brandon Clark, Simon Stern, Washieka Torres, Corine Vialva.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Jeremy Thompson gave a report from the External Relations Committee which met on May 2. Communications and ITS have been tasked with developing and implementing an online registration system. For fall 2013, we will make use of the existing registration functionality that is integrated in the college online calendar. The Communications Office has developed *Guidelines for Media Access to Brooklyn College Events*. Those guidelines articulate general best practices. As a rule, events are open to the public; however the college reserves the right to place restrictions. Exclusions and/or restrictions will be made by the Communications Office, not faculty or students. Student press should be granted access to all events, but must respect privacy when such sensitivity is required. These guidelines will be communicated with all student clubs, the faculty and administration and posted on the website so that it is known to all.
3. Event management and marshaling should not be foisted on students or faculty; it is the administration that is responsible for making these types of tough decisions. The VPSA or VPFA or his/her highest designee are responsible for making the difficult calls at high-profile events, whether large or small. The President asked that guiding principles be outlined in a handbook, articulating such rules in the case where an event has the potential to attract attention and contentious debate. DOSA should be aware of such events taking place in advance, and security should be notified as well. Responsibilities of the host student group, department of

administrative office should be clear, and non-BC affiliated groups and participants cannot take the lead. Most of all, there needs to be clear lines of authority. The College must also define the terminology of hosting/sponsoring events so that we have consistency in understanding college-wide regarding what these terms mean. We need to think and articulate carefully what co-sponsorship means and what responsibilities will be attached, and have a statement about accountability and consequences. Departments will be asked to have a process/rationale as a guide so that there is transparency and clarity. President Gould asked David Rosenberg to streamline the language and categories in his report, and re-submit next semester.

4. Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik put forth an agenda item for voting that requires a change in the Brooklyn College Governance pertaining to the School P & T Committees. While there was agreement in principle regarding the reasons for the proposed change, there was discussion regarding the tone of the language. The proposed was put forth for a vote, with 23 in the affirmative and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

The President thanked the members of Policy Council for their dedicated service, especially the students. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.