

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the October 10, 2013 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik, Executive Director Steven Schechter, Keisha-Gaye Anderson, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Interim Dean Matthew Moore, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Alex Vitale, David Rosenberg, Ezriel Strum, Washieka Torres, Robin Cohen, Salma Abdou, Joseph Grunfeld, Michael Weber, Adam Zauderer, Joseph Awadjie, Rene Straker.

Absent: Provost William Tramontano, Professor Amy Hughes, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Bruce MacIntyre, Shani Abrahams, Keston Boyce.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas, Vanessa Green, Kenji Logie.

1. Election of the Executive Committee: three representatives were unanimously approved: student representative Joseph Awadjie, the faculty representative Professor Caroline Arnold, and administration representative Dean Maria Conelli.
2. Election of the Secretary: Keisha-Gaye Anderson was unanimously approved.
3. The approval of minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting was deferred until further clarification of the vote taken.
4. Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik spoke about the current standing committee structure. He noted that last spring, at its April 18th meeting, Policy Council approved a revision of the Brooklyn College Governance Plan and the Bylaws of Policy Council. Specifically, given their overlapping responsibilities, this body recommended combining 3 of Policy Council's standing committees, (1) the Budget Committee, (2) the Campus Facilities Committee and (3) the Long Range Planning Committee, into one committee to be named the "Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee." In preparing the materials to be submitted to the University for review and approval by the CUNY Board of Trustees, we became aware that the Brooklyn College Governance Plan had a somewhat different list of standing committees for Policy Council than that which appears in the Bylaws of Policy Council. While the Bylaws listed an "Executive Committee" with responsibility for making nominations to the other committees, the Governance Plan listed two separate committees, an "Executive Committee" and a "Nominating Committee." While the Bylaws listed an "External Relations Committee on College and Community," the Governance Plan made reference to "A College and Community Committee." Lastly, while the Bylaws included a "Committee on Faculty-Student Relations," the Governance Plan made no

mention at all of such a committee. We speculate that at some point in the past, the Policy Council must have changed its Bylaws without requesting a concomitant change in the Governance Plan; it is important to reconcile them. Therefore, the Governance Committee of Policy Council will need to meet, develop an appropriate resolution for reconciling these differences, and bring that motion forward as soon as possible to Policy Council for a discussion and vote.

5. Nicole Haas provided a report from the May 2, 2013 meeting of the External Relations Committee. President Gould shared information about the proposed terminology guidelines to be used for student-led events, and Vice President Morales gave an overview of the Student Event Planning and Implementation (EPI) Handbook. The EPI was developed over the spring and summer and it incorporates best practices from other institutions around the country. It is currently being used, in working draft form, when planning and hosting student-led events on campus.
6. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.