

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Vice President Milga Morales, Associate Provost Terrence Cheng, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik, Assistant Vice President Jason Carey, Dean Willie Hopkins, Interim Dean Matthew Moore, Dean Deborah Shanley, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Kip Marsh, Salma Abdou, Robin Cohen, Joseph Grunfeld, David Rosenberg, Adam Zauderer, Rene Straker, Ezriel Strum, Michael Weber.

Absent: Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, Professor Amy Hughes, Professor Alex Vitale, Shani Abrahams, Keston Boyce, Washieka Torres, Joseph Awadjie.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the December 5, 201 meeting were amended and approved.
2. The terminology for student-led events in the EPI was reviewed. This language has been revised several times, and while the final product may not be ideal, it is the best compromise and it is simple. It is now clear that the Brooklyn College student group is always the only event host, the role of the external sponsor is clear, and the definition of the co-sponsor is ultimately what our faculty as co-sponsors felt comfortable with. Professor Langsam noted that it is unclear how a department becomes a co-sponsor, and recommended a formal process in writing. The event location is important – students host events in the Student Center, and faculty may use the Student Center (for a fee) or Tanger Auditorium (free of charge). Metal detectors are required for large-scale events open to the public in the Student Center; the rate charged to the club is up to \$400.
3. There was robust discussion of regarding online syllabi. AP Mirotznik noted that the department chairs were unanimously opposed to linking online syllabi to the student evaluation of faculty, since the student evaluations are a factor considered in promotion while syllabi are not. Several points were raised, including: students shopping for classes by syllabi; comprehensive v. short syllabi; and, the changing nature of syllabi. Syllabus availability, along with the timely posted of required textbooks, are issues at the forefront for students. The President noted that we need

to provide students with useful information and we will explore a voluntary, participatory model.

4. Course scheduling was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.