

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Associate Provost Terrance Cheng, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Richard Greenwald, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean April Bedford, Dean Ronald Jackson, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Amy Hughes, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Martha Nadell, Professor Kip Marsh, Jennifer Mikhli, Michael Lutz, Joseph Awadjie, Joseph Grunfeld, Timothy Donnelly, Steven Krischer, Renee Blumenfrucht.

Absent: Vice President Milga Morales, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Alex Vitale, Jacob Levin, Nisan Zaghi, Mariam Jakhshvili, Keston Boyce, Omari Williams.

Non-voting: Andy August, Nicole Haas, Pamela Pollack, Don Wenz.

1. The minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting were amended and approved.
2. A motion to approve the five Standing Committee slates was unanimously approved.
3. The President announced that Brooklyn College won a CUNY award for innovation, for developing an e-petition format and streamlining the petition process.
4. Jennifer Mikhli presented the findings from a student government site visit to the residence hall to speak with Brooklyn College student residents. Many issues were raised relating to building maintenance and operations. Residents said that management was unresponsive to their concerns. President Gould noted that Brooklyn College neither owns nor manages the building. However, she said that the situation would be better if Brooklyn College did manage the residence, and that the goal is to do so in the future. The college pays for four Resident Assistants and subsidizes 75% of the costs for security personnel, in the interest of protecting our students and providing some level of support. The RAs do not get involved in management, but issues of concern are brought to the attention of management by the RAs. Dean Jackson stated that while BC student residents should inform Campus Housing of problems, it is also a good to report and share this information with the RAs. He noted that there are several layers of meetings 1) daily with RAs, 2) Andy Auguste meets with the building director regularly, 3) Dean Jackson meets with senior management from Campus Housing, and 4) there are monthly meetings of

senior college administrators on residence hall matters. The President concluded the conversation by saying that we will make sure that the issues raised by the students are prioritized.

5. Many students, especially science majors, find that the Bedford Avenue *exit* from New Ingersoll is a convenient *entrance* as well. Students prop/hold the doors open, so as currently unstaffed, it is already a security risk. Students advocate that this door have a public safety officer assigned. Jennifer Mikhli suggests a compromise whereby an officer is present during certain day/peak times. Don Wenz said that the College could explore the option of a pilot project to study use/demand, in a cost-neutral manner. Professor Marsh asked if the timing of the crossing signal on Bedford Avenue could be changed to allow more time for pedestrians to cross the intersection. This issue will be referred to Don Wenz (Public Safety) and Steven Schechter (Government and External Affairs) for follow-up.