

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Associate Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Dean Ronald Jackson, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Richard Greenwald, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Miquel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Christopher Velasquez, Heather Alper, Adam Zauderer, Omari Williams.

Absent: Associate Provost Terrence Cheng, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean April Bedford, Professor Kip Marsh, Professor Patricia Antoniello, Professor Douglas Cohen, Arron Abramov, Gabriella Goldberg, Daniella Berger, Prapti Dhungana, and Marie Grindberg.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. A vote to approve the Governance Committee, with faculty and administration representatives but without student representatives, was approved.
3. A vote to approve the Faculty/Staff Relations Committee, with faculty and administration representatives but without student representatives, was approved.
4. A vote to approve the Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee, with faculty and administration representatives but without student representatives, was approved.
5. A vote to approve the External Relations Committee with faculty, administration and student representatives was approved.
6. A motion for Policy Council to revise the by-laws in order to be consistent with the Brooklyn College Governance Plan was unanimously approved.
7. The matter of sustainable water fountains is being explored by SVC Joe Giovannelli, Associate VP Alan Gilbert, and AVP Fran Fitzgerald. They will share information with the Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee.

8. Nicole Haas will send the Common Hour schedule to the Faculty/Student Relations Committee for review. This is not an action item but rather an informational and discussion item.

9. The President shared information regarding the alleged NYPD surveillance of Muslim students at Brooklyn College. She has also spoken about the matter with the department chairs at CAP and Faculty Council. This issue was first reported in 2011. President Gould reiterated that neither she nor the director of Public Safety had any knowledge of the surveillance. She denounced the practice and expressed her concerns with then Chancellor Matthew Goldstein and she asked that her concerns be shared with Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. In June 2015, the president met with a group of students on an unrelated matter and this issue of surveillance was raised again, in the light of the arrest of two women in Queens who were identified by an undercover agent, presumably the same one who was at Brooklyn College four years ago. Additionally, a faculty member met privately with the president to relay student concerns and noted that the students did not want their identities to be revealed. The president suspects that the undercover police officer was trying to imbed in the communities of our Muslim students – their mosques, their homes, their parties and private affairs; she is incensed by this. She has asked VP Morales and Dean Jackson to encourage students to know those who participate in their club events.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.