

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Vice President Milga Morales, Associate Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Associate Provost Terrence Cheng, Dean Ronald Jackson, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean April Bedford, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Patricia Antoniello, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Christopher Velasquez, Heather Alper, Adam Zauderer, Omari Williams.

Absent: Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Richard Greenwald, Professor Kip Marsh, Professor Caroline Arnold, Arron Abramov, Gabrella Goldberg, Daniella Berger, Prapti Dhungana, Marie Grindberg.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. A vote to approve the student representatives on all of the standing committees was unanimously approved.
3. Nicole Haas reviewed the topics assigned to three committees for consideration next semester: 1) the Governance Committee shall examine the bylaws of the Policy Council which were last amended in 1986; 2) the Faculty/Student Relations Committee will explore the Common Hours; and 3) the Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee will study sustainable water fountains and the review of the Library Café. The Library Café was established in the late 1990s, however there has not been an assessment of its evolving nature, usage, or staffing levels since its creation. A fourth Committee, External Relations, might serve as a forum to discuss the state budget once the governor announces the budget on January 13th; lobbying will follow almost immediately thereafter.
4. There was in depth discussion about the campus security reports, the policy on new IDs, and the possibility of swipe ID cards. Several suggestions and comments were made. Nicole Haas will prepare a summary of these comments and submit to Mr. Don Wenz, the Director of Public Safety, for his review. He will attend the next Policy Council meeting on February 10, 2016 where he will address the concerns and comments that were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.