

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the February 10, 2016 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, Acting Associate Provost Stuart MacLelland, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean Richard Greenwald, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Kip Marsh, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Adam Zauderer, Omari Williams.

Absent: Dean Ronald Jackson, Dean April Bedford, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Patricia Antoniello, Professor Helen Phillips, Christopher Velasquez, Heather Alper, Aaron Abramov, Gabriella Goldberg, Daniella Berger, Prapti Dhungana, Marie Grindberg.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The date of the March Policy Council meeting was changed to Thursday, March 31.
3. The Council on Administrative Policy (CAP) passed a unanimous resolution at its meeting on February 4, 2016 asking the President to review the School of General Studies (SGS). Data is being collected and will be presented at the next Policy Council meeting showing longitudinal trends.
4. Associate Provost Matthew Moore provided an update from the Governance Committee. The committee will review the current Bylaws of the Policy Council with an aim to reduce the number of standing committees and remove the need to constitute annually committees that do not often meet. A vote was taken to endorse the five standing committees that currently exist; the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Dean Richard Greenwald stated that the Student/Faculty Relations Committee will meet on February 11 to discuss the Common Hours. He has already met with Dr. Michael Ayers regarding the development of a survey, and Dean Ronald Jackson in Student Affairs has provided material.

6. Vice President Joseph Giovannelli said that the Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning Committee will be jointly chaired by Associate VP Alan Gilbert and Assistant VP Fran Fitzgerald. In addition to reporting on the review of the Library Café and a study on sustainable water fountains, the committee is open to considering other facilities-related topics. The chairs will convene the committee shortly.
7. The Director of Public Safety, Don Wenz, gave a lengthy presentation with VP Joseph Giovannelli.

Crime: Mr. Wenz noted that the federally mandated Clearly Report requires that certain major crimes be reported annually. The College additionally tracks minor crimes that are not required in the Clearly Report. Mr. Wenz will work with Student Affairs and the Office of Communications to publish a report of other on-campus crimes, and to share this with the student newspapers. To help reduce crime, resources are being added when and where needed, including the hiring of 9 part-time security assistants, and new 4-days tours with changing assignments to allow for flexible deployment of officers. To reduce bike theft outside the campus gates where the Department of Transportation has installed city-owned bike racks, more bike racks have been installed on campus. Facilities will identify new additional locations inside the gates after construction on the Performing Arts Center is completed.

Disaster Preparedness: Don Wenz is confident that Brooklyn College is adequately prepared for an emergency situation. The College has: trained for disaster preparedness; held an NYPD active shooter scenario on campus; armed personnel stationed on campus who have been trained in response and evacuation techniques; and, posted a video on the Public Safety website for all campus constituents that shows what to do in an emergency situation.

ID: It is a College rule that IDs must be shown; the request to show ID is at the discretion of the guard on duty. Replacements for transitioning students are free; staff at the ID counter in the West Quad will be sensitized and trained. Our current ID card system is antiquated. The college will explore the acquisition of a more modern and technologically advanced system, which could include a swipe card.

Bag check: The policy is outlined in the Event Planning and Implementation (EPI) Guide. If non-CUNY guests attend an event, then bag check is required and the metal detector is used in the Student Center. If there are threats or hateful messages preceding any event, then there will be extra security no matter who is in attendance, whether they are BC or non-BC guests.

Complaints: Student recourse, for those who have complaints about treatment by safety officers, is to file a complaint with the Director of Public Safety. A lieutenant

investigates all complaints, the officer in concern is interviewed, and appropriate steps, which may include disciplinary action, are taken.