

**POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the March 31, 2016 Meeting**

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Associate Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Acting Associate Provost Stuart MacLelland, Dean Ronald Jackson, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean Richard Greenwald, Dean April Bedford, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Lynda Day, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Kip Marsh, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Adam Zauderer, Omari Williams, Florencia Salinas, Heather Alper, Moshe Brodt.

Absent: Provost William Tramontano, Dean Willie Hopkins, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Caroline Arnold, Beth Evans, John McFarland, Michelle Abady, Daniella Berger, Marie Grindberg.

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Dean Richard Greenwald gave an update on the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute (HSI). President Gould introduced the issue at the Stated Meeting in spring 2015. A steering committee of faculty and administrators from seven CUNY campuses developed a proposal to establish this CUNY-wide institute that will be housed at Brooklyn College with a faculty member from Brooklyn College who will serve as the director if the HSI. The proposal was forwarded to the CUNY Board of Trustees for approval. The HSI will exist only if funding is provided by the NYC Council.
3. Dean Greenwald gave an update from the Faculty/Student Relations Committee. The committee met in February with assistance from Dr. Michael Ayers, Director of Institutional Research, to develop a survey about the Common Hours. The Scheduling Office as well as Dean Ron Jackson provided input as well. The survey was released and to date, 100 faculty and 525 students have responded. The committee will meet on April 7. Its recommendations will be presented at the next Policy Council meeting.

4. Associate Provost Matthew Moore submitted proposed revisions by the Governance Committee to the Bylaws of the Policy Council. A vote was taken, and the revisions were approved: 25 yes, 0 no.
5. Senior Vice President Joe Giovannelli gave an update from the Budget, Infrastructure and Planning Committee on the Library Café review and sustainable water fountains. The ad hoc Library Café committee met twice. A student survey on the services and amenities offered at the facility will be conducted. No user analysis has been undertaken since the Library Café opened. An inventory of all campus water fountains was done in fall 2015. Four new “bottle-filling stations” (i.e. sustainable fountains) will be purchased. The committee discussed locations; student input was solicited to identify high-traffic and high-visible locations.
6. There was a lengthy discussion about establishing a single, undergraduate student activity fee. The existence of two fee structures for the undergraduate population is unique to Brooklyn College in CUNY. President Gould stated that data does not support the continuation of a day student and evening student distinction. The difference in fees for CLAS and SGS is currently less than \$50 per semester. Once CUNYfirst implements a universal application, the evening student registration option will be defunct. Moshe Brodt, an evening student, said that evening students do not avail themselves of amenities as day students do, and that there needs to be more classes offered in the evening, not less. President Gould noted that there are costs associated with offering evening classes and that department chairs allocate resources where there is greater demand. Dean Psarris noted that for departments with low enrollments, a 6-year plan for evening students can be developed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner. SGS President Adam Zauderer noted that SGS advocates for evening students. CLAS student Jake Levin stated that CLAS is prepared to accommodate evening students and provide equitable treatment. President Gould encouraged CLAS and SGS to engage in conversation, to gather more information, and to acknowledge the importance of advocacy for evening students.