

**POLICY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the April 21, 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 Ronald Jackson, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean Richard Greenwald, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor William Gargan, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Sophia Suarez, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Florencia Salinas.

**Absent:** Dean April Bedford, Professor Kip Marsh, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Lynda Day, Heather Alper, John McFarland, Michelle Abady, Moshe Brodt, Daniella Berger, Marie Grindberg, Adam Zauderer, Omari Williams.

**Non-voting:** Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The revised Bylaws of the Brooklyn College Policy Council (3-31-16) were distributed.
3. Dean Richard Greenwald gave an update from the Faculty/Student Relations Committee, based on the Common Hour Survey. Library, Student Center, club activities and classroom usage during common hours were examined. Over 600 students and approximately 250 faculty responded to multiple e-blasts from the Associate Provost Stuart MacLelland soliciting their input. While clearly there is a need for classrooms for instruction midday, the common hours are heavily used 1) by students for club activities, lectures, and study time, and 2) by faculty for meetings, committee work, and interaction with students. The committee had four recommendations for freeing up blocks of midday time: 1) re-examine the academic grid; 2) better use of the current grid between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; 3) use data and analytics to have student needs drive class modeling; and 4) better standardization of bell codes. President Gould noted that other institutions have the Registrar distribute a grid to schools/departments with explicit directions on how many classes can be offered at certain times of day, both peak and off-peak.
4. A resolution was introduced by President Gould to establish a Uniform Undergraduate Student Activity Fee. She shared student data provided by Dr.

Michael Ayers, director of the Office of Institutional Research, which showed that students who identify as “evening students” take the majority of their courses during the daytime. A vote on the resolution passed with 23 yes, 0 no and no abstentions. Interim Vice President Ron Jackson said that there will be discussions with incoming student government presidents regarding day and evening student governments going forward. Further research to determine the official status of the School of General Studies (SGS) needs to occur, as well as the concept of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS).

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.