

**Brooklyn College
Policy Council
Minutes of the
December 7, 2017 Meeting**

Present: President Michelle Anderson (chair), Provost William A. Tramontano, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Executive Director Steven Schechter, Assistant Vice President Jason Carey, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Dean April Bedford, Dean Maria Conelli, Acting Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Yehuda Klein, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor David Balk, Professor Myles Bassell, Professor Alberto Bursztyn, Professor Lynda Day, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Janet Grommet, Professor Jocelyn Wills, Menachem Eidelman (SGS), Nissim Said (CLAS), Truth Opaleye (CLAS), Chava Shulman (CLAS), Zunera Ahmed (CLAS), Mazal Salaame (SGS), Marc Pfeiffer (SGS), Elizabeth Koennicke (GSO).

Absent:

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The vote to approve standing committee members was unanimous.
3. Acting Dean Ken Gould gave a brief presentation about the nine interdisciplinary studies programs and the request to for: 1) representation on P&B/CAP and on searches, 2) OTPS budgets, 3) meeting space for administrators and students, 4) funds for administrative staff separate from departmental staff and 5) better institutional integration (monthly meetings and regular meetings with deans, inclusion on administrative email lists, website prominence, and compensation to chairs for faculty release time for supporting such programs). It was noted that these proposals have infrastructure and financial implications. Ultimately, the report will go to the Governance Committee for review.
4. A discussion about sexual harassment and assault was deferred to the February 2018 meeting.
5. Standing Committees – President Anderson noted that to date, the committees have been reactive. She requested that all committees meeting before the next Policy Council meeting.

The Faculty/Student Relations Committee plans to meet on November 8 to review bereavement procedures.

Discussions about facilities have focused on three things: quality of life, infrastructure, and enhancing research facilities. A top priority will be restrooms. President Anderson will speak with Vice Chancellor Bergtraum regarding CUNY emergency funds for restroom repairs. SVP Gilbert is working with ITS to create a pilot.

The Governance Committee is currently waiting for proposals to be submitted. Proposals could come from Faculty Council Master Planning, CAP, deans and others.

President Anderson will convene the External Relations Committee. The importance of student lobbying, implications of the new tax plan, and Excelsior Scholarship criteria and deadlines were suggested topics.