

Brooklyn College
Policy Council Minutes of the
March 26, 2018 Meeting

Present: President Michelle Anderson, Provost William A. Tramontano, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Assistant Vice President Jason Carey, Executive Director Steven Schechter, Vice President Ron Jackson, Dean Maria Conelli, Acting Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean Willie Hopkins, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor David Balk, Professor Myles Bassell, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Lynda Day, Professor Miguel Macias, Professor Helen Phillips, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Jocelyn Wills, Truth Opaleye (CLAS), Chava Shulman (CLAS), Nick Tan (GSO), Menachem Eidelman (SGS).

Absent: Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean April Bedford, Professor Yehuda Klein, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Nissim Said (CLAS) Elizabeth Koennicke (GSO) Mazal Salame (SGS), Marc Pfeiffer (SGS), Zunera Ahmed (CLAS).

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. All Policy Council meetings for the Academic Year 2018-19 will occur on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the State Lounge. The dates for fall 2018 and spring 2019 are as follows:

September 26, 2018

October 31, 2018

November 28, 2018

February 27, 2019

March 27, 2019

April 17, 2019

3. The importance of faculty verification of enrollment to ensure that students receive/retain their financial aid was reiterated. The administration is working to enhance the policy of faculty compliance through training, better/positive communication to the faculty, and employing accountability measures such as documentation of non-compliance and consequences for adjuncts and tenured professors.
4. Students observed that there are emergency buttons in Boylan which are inoperable. However, these buttons are remnants of the old fire alarm system which were not removed when the new system was installed. Information regarding how the new buttons work will be included in the next message to the campus community from SVP Alan Gilbert.

Early registration for students with disabilities was raised by student government representatives. Valerie Stewart-Lovell from the Center for Students with Disabilities met with Palma Dellaporta, our Associate Director of Enrollment Advocacy last year to address this issue. A policy was implemented to give students with disabilities sole and priority registration on the first day for the first 3 hours. Ms. Lovell-Stewart said that students have not requested more time, but rather more preparation and assistance in advance of the designated registration period. President Anderson is meeting with the Student Organization for Every Disability United for Progress (SOFEDUP) club on March 26 to address issues of concern to students with disabilities. Regarding registration in general, a request was made for the public posting of dates in a place which can be easily seen by students and faculty. Also, with the practice of rolling registration, students should be informed when their dates/times are open for them to register.

5. The college's Bereavement Policy addresses the onus of communicating a loss, and not placing the responsibility wholly on the grieving student. Professor Langsam asked to have explicit language regarding religious accommodation included in the policy.
6. Professors Maria Contel and Jenny Basil gave an overview of the proposed Cancer Research Center at Brooklyn College. The following resolution was unanimously approved: "The Brooklyn College Policy council makes a recommendation to proceed with the creation and development of a new Brooklyn College Center for Cancer Research."
7. The ROTC has requested rental space at Brooklyn College once a week to conduct a class for CUNY students from campuses in Brooklyn, including some Brooklyn College students. After some discussion, it was decided that more analysis was needed regarding e-permits and other location options.