

**Brooklyn College  
Policy Council  
Minutes of the  
October 31, 2018 Meeting**

**Present:** Provost Anne Lopes, SVP Alan Gilbert; Associate Provost Tammy Lewis, Assistant Vice President Jason Carey, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Dean Maria Conelli, Acting Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Myles Bassell, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Maria Contel, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Yehuda Klein, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor Sharona Levy, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Jocelyn Wills, Alyssa Taylor (CLAS), Stephanie Ortega (CLAS), David Schykerynec (CLAS), Fay Yanofsky (SGS), Mark Koegel (SGS), Keith Magnussen (GSO), David Wells (GSO), Moira Rousseau (GSO).

**Absent:** President Michelle J. Anderson, Dean April Bedford, Professor Mark Kobrak, Jose Garcia (GSO), Salma Mohamed (SGS), Eytan Galanter (CLAS), Ashaney Ewen (SGS).

**Non-voting:** Nicole Haas.

1. Provost Lopes chaired the meeting in President Anderson's absence.
2. Professor Langsam explains the importance of approving the minutes, an act which confirms that the meeting occurred.
3. The Minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.
4. The Minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting were also unanimously approved.
5. A survey will be sent to the members of Policy Council to poll possible alternative times to hold meetings in the spring 2019 semester.
6. Standing committee members were nominated and the full slate to approve all committees was unanimously approved.
7. The Provost reviewed the charges of each standing committee.
8. Student questions:
  - Online courses: The Provost agreed that there should be more online courses and support for faculty to develop such courses. CUNY is currently developing guidelines and recommendations. Professor Langsam noted that only chairs can develop courses, and different chairs have different opinions on hybrid/online instruction. Brooklyn College course offerings are currently being reviewed; a rich discussion with campus constituents needs to occur, and we will begin next semester to target opportunities over time as part of a comprehensive plan.
  - "Professor/staff" designation: Provost says we should work to improve this, prioritizing required courses over electives. Chairs do try to get professors and adjuncts to commit to classes, but as Professor Florence notes the chairs often wait to see if classes fill before assigning faculty. There are innovations and practices employed at other colleges, such as shadowing, to address this. Dean Gould notes that CUNYfirst exacerbates this problem by publishing a view for students of previous schedules which is misleading because the upcoming actual

schedules will not be posted until later in November. Overall, this issue a decanal matter, and that a review audit will be done, and the deans will work with the department chairs to assist them with the scheduling process. Fay Yanofsky gathered some information that she will share with the Provost and Professor Langsam.

- Professor Langsam notes that most Faculty Council committees have a student representative. He requests from student government the names and contact information for students who have committee assignments so that he can share with the chairs of the committees.
- Transfer credits for veteran students – the Provost will look into this and report back.

New business:

- David Schykerynec raised the issue of the change in name for CLAS to the Undergraduate Student Government. He will put his proposal in writing and submit to the Governance Committee for consideration.
- David Schykerynec believes that the security costs for after-hours student events are prohibitive and prevent students from hosting events on campus, forcing them to use off-campus venues. This matter was referred to the Fiscal Affairs Committee.
- Keith Magnussen raised concerns about the noise on the West Quad and Bedford Avenue from BCA high school students. He suggested more NYPD presence and enforcement of no double-parking rules. Tammy Lewis echoed concerns about traffic, the intersection being blocked and U-turns on Bedford Avenue. Mark Koegel noted that during class changes there is a lot of congestion at high traffic times, and requests that the gates should be more open (not just half).
- Safety issues in general were raised regarding exits from James Building onto Campus Road with no security officer stationed, and the same at the Roosevelt Hall exit onto Bedford Avenue and the New Ingersoll exit onto Bedford. There was a request to have the Director of Public Safety attend the next Policy Council meeting to answer questions.