

Brooklyn College Policy Council
Minutes of the November 28, 2018 Meeting

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Associate Provost Tammy Lewis, Assistant Vice President Jason Carey, Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Dean Maria Conelli, Acting Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Professor Myles Bassell, 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, Eytan Galanter (CLAS), Alyssa Taylor (CLAS), Stephanie Ortega (CLAS), David Schykerynec (CLAS), Fay Yanofsky (SGS), Mark Koegel (SGS), Ashaney Ewen (SGS), Moira Rousseau (GSO), David Wells (GSO).

Absent: Provost Anne Lopes, SVP Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean April Bedford, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Mark Kobrak, Jose Garcia (GSO), Salma Mohamed (SGS), Keith Magnussen (GSO).

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. The Minutes of the October 31, 2018 meeting were approved with one abstention.
2. Policy Council passed the following resolution (23-0-2):

Be it resolved:

Brooklyn College engaged in a collective process to articulate its mission and goals that are reflected in the Brooklyn College Strategic Plan 2018-2023, which engaged both internal and external constituencies, and which will be revised annually in light of evidence-based assessment and evolving priorities.

3. Public Safety Director Don Wenz responded to questions outlined at the previous Policy Council meeting concerning: 1) security costs for after-hours student events, 2) noise on the West Quad from Brooklyn College Academy high school students at dismissal, 3) traffic, double-parking, pedestrian intersection blocking and vehicular speed on Bedford Avenue, 4) unstaffed exits in James, New Ingersoll and Roosevelt, and 5) practice of closing off the gates on Bedford Avenue which forces so many students to access a small opening. Regarding the latter, Mr. Wenz will instruct officers to have the gate open for a two-way flow of pedestrians in and out. Wheelchair users will not be instructed to use the Roosevelt door on Bedford Avenue since this is exit-only, and lastly, the recommendation was made, and accepted, to consult and solicit proactively assistance elected officials and the DOT regarding the challenges on Bedford Avenue.
4. AVP Fran Fitzgerald followed up on issues raised at the last Policy Council meeting regarding 1) timely snow removal and the prioritization of key areas such as wheelchair ramps and walkways between buildings, and 2) excessive heat in 1310 and 2310 Ingersoll Hall. These lecture halls are scheduled for renovation. The conceptual design work is the current phase; a full plan with a timeline will be developed.
5. The issue of class scheduling was deferred to the next meeting.