

**Brooklyn College
Policy Council
Minutes of the
November 13, 2019 Meeting**

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost Anne Lopes, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Todd Galitz, Associate Provost Tammy Lewis, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Kenneth Gould, Interim Dean Susanne Scott, Interim Dean Louise Hainline, Dean April Bedford, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Maria Contel, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Sophia Suarez, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Jacqueline Shannon, Alyssa Taylor (USG), David Dweck (USG), David Hammer (USG), Dapo Ibrahim (USG), Alexarea Worrell (GSO), Bryant Tufino Flores (USG),

Not present: Professor Swapna Banerjee, Professor Myles Bassell, Professor Jennifer Cherrier, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Uan Williams (USG), Neha Syeda (USG), Gary Ortiz (GSO), Bader Gillani (GSO).

Non-voting: Nicole Haas.

1. President Anderson called meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. Minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. A vote to approve the Standing Committees was unanimous.
4. President Anderson announced that in response to a request from students, we will now call (and simultaneously post on the Jumbotron) student names while they process into the Barclays Arena at Commencement.
5. The President noted that the role of academic deans in the P&T process is currently being reviewed and may require a governance change, and thus action by the Governance Committee and full Policy Council, later in this academic year.
6. Students would like 24-hour (or extended hours) access to the Library during finals. Provost Lopes and SVP Gilbert will review overtime staffing, security and projected costs for the proposed extended hours and report back at the next meeting. In the interim, the current policy of 24-hour access to the Library Café via the Campus Road/Whitehead entrance should be better publicized.
7. Black Solidarity Day is observed by some students at Brooklyn College; however, students are concerned about potential reprisal for absences. This topic has been referred to the Faculty/Student Relations Committee for future review; Tony Thomas will consult with CUNY Legal and advise the committee.

8. President Anderson noted the delay in many Faculty Council committee meetings due to lack of student representation. She suggested providing more information to students, and having students appointed in the summer so committees can meet right at the start of the academic year.
9. Meeting is adjourned at 5:32 pm.