

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

February 24, 2021 Meeting

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Associate Provost Tammy L. Lewis, Dean Peter Tolia, Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean April Bedford, Dean Qing Hu, Dean Maria Conelli, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Myles Bassell, Professor Maria Contel, Professor Yehuda Klein, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Sophia N. Suarez, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Jennifer Cherrier, Professor Swapna Banerjee, David Dweck, Kyle Reese, Ethan Milich, Ryan Regis, Veronica McFarland, Rachel Mahpari, Aharon Grama, Samantha Santjour

Not present: Provost Anne Lopes, Amanda Waldron, Professor Douglas Cohen, Flavia Shyti

Non-voting: Anthony Brown, Zunera Ahmed

1. President Anderson called meeting to order at 5:05pm
2. A vote to approve the minutes of the 12/16/2020 meeting was unanimous
3. President Anderson updates Policy Council the Board of Trustees decided against implementing the Credit/No Credit policy across CUNY. Instead, campuses should refer to their respective pass/fail options. Faculty Council committees are considering the policy and ask student government for suggestions.
4. Fiscal, Infrastructure, and Planning Committee Report
Progress is being made with the multi stall all gender bathrooms. Signage is up on all bathroom doors.
5. Governance Committee Report

Two items are presented. The first is the USG student terms resolution. Robust discussion ensued with topics like the implications of such change.

Vote: 18 yes, 7 no, 2 abstain

The governance committee received a proposal to change policy but believes it does not have the jurisdiction to screen policy. Tammy presents different options to address policy changes. A robust discussion ensued about the various options and implications of each. The topic has been referred to the governance committee to produce and present a proposal at the next Policy Council. A discussion was had to express the will of the body about the preference for the proposal which is to expand the role of the governance committee to screen in the area of governance and policy.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Sophia raised the issue of freshmen orientation within departments. The matter is referred to faculty student relations committee to evaluate the different models departments handle orientation and to make a recommendation to the full body.