

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
November 3, 2021 General Meeting
5:00pm via Zoom

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost Anne Lopes, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Chief Diversity Officer Anthony Brown, Associate Provost Tammy L. Lewis, Dean Peter Tolia, Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean Qing Hu, Dean Maria Conelli, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz (alternate), Professor Jennifer Basil, Professor Jennifer Cherrier, Professor Myles Bassel (faculty alt), Eleanor Miele (faculty alt), Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor James Lynch, Professor Sophia N. Suarez, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Louis Di Meglio (GSO), Aharon Grama (USG), Flavia Shyti (USG), Iqura Naheed (USG), Sarali Cohen (USG), David Dweck (USG), Enmanuel Valdez (USG), Jana Taoube (USG), Maria Jose Romero (USG), Yisroel Shulman (USG alt), Amina Tariq (USG alt)

Absent: Dean April Bedford, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Maria Contel, Thomas D. Santiago (GSO), Chika Otisi (USG), Alyssa Taylor (GSO)

Non- voting: Zunera Ahmed

1. President Anderson called meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. A discussion took place about the seating of alternates on Policy Council for faculty, students, and administration. For future meetings, the administration designated Vice President Todd M. Galitz, Vice President Lillian O'Reilly, and Assistant Vice President Mara McGinnis as its alternates.
2. President Anderson provided an update on the student vaccination policy and answered questions members had. President Anderson gave a presentation on enrollment, followed by robust discussion.
3. David Dweck (USG) moved to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2021, meeting. Aharon Grama (USG) seconded. 34 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.
4. The Governance and Policy Committee reported out its recommended amendments to the Policy Council Bylaws and Brooklyn College Governance plan. Discussion ensued and a vote was taken. 33 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.
5. Professor Jennifer Cherrier moved to adjourn the meeting. Louis Di Meglio (GSO) seconded. 34 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Adjourned 6:10 p.m.

Proposed Amendment to the Brooklyn College Governance Plan

Current Language

Article VIII. Amendment

Amendments to this governance plan may be initiated (a) by any constituent body or (b) by the Policy Council itself, provided such amendment does not alter the powers held by another constituent body without the consent of that body. All amendments must be approved by the Policy Council and by the president for submission to the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Language

Article VIII. Amendment

- a. Amendments to this governance plan may be initiated (a) by any constituent body or (b) by the Policy Council itself, provided such amendment does not alter the powers held by another constituent body without the consent of that body.
- b. All amendments must be approved by the Policy Council by a two-thirds plus one vote and by the President for submission to the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws of the Brooklyn College Policy Council

Current Language

Silent on how to amend the by-laws.

Proposed Language

V. Amendments

- a. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Brooklyn College Policy Council may be initiated (a) by any constituent body or (b) by the Policy Council itself, provided such amendment does not alter the powers held by another constituent body without the consent of that body.
- b. All amendments must be approved by the Policy Council by a two-thirds plus one vote and by the President for submission to the Board of Trustees.