BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the
February 23, 2022 General Meeting
5:00pm via Zoom

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost Anne Lopes, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz (alt), Chief Diversity Officer Anthony Brown, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Qing Hu, Dean Peter Tolias, Professor Tim Shortell, Professor Beth Evans, Professor James Lynch, Professor Jennifer Basil, Professor Sophia N. Suarez, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Jennifer Cherrier, Professor Mark Kobrak, Professor Maria Contel, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Myles Bassell (alt), Iqura Naheed (USG), Aharon Grama (USG), Louis Di Meglio (GSO), Chika Otisi (USG), Sarali Cohen (USG), Flavia Shyti (USG), Maria Jose Romero (USG), Amina Tariq (USG), Jana Taoube (USG), Enmanuel Valdez (USG), Robert Adler (USG), Yisroel Shulman (USG alt), Chavi Barth (USG alt), Adriana Zeinc (USG alt),

Absent: Chief Legal Officer Tony Thomas, Associate Provost Tammy L. Lewis, Dean Kenneth Gould, Dean April Bedford, Professor Louise Hainline, Thomas D. Santiago (GSO),

Non- voting: Zunera Ahmed

1. President Anderson called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. President Anderson provided updates on the return to campus, spring enrollment, an overview of SEM Works, NYS proposed budget for CUNY and answered questions members had.
3. Aharon Grama (USG) moved to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting. Sarali Cohen (USG) seconded. 35 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.
4. The Faculty/Student Relations Committee and the Fiscal, Infrastructure, and Planning Committee provide updates on committee meetings.
5. During new business, Louis Di Meglio (GSO) and Professor Contel discussed accessibility issues with elevators and Bedford Ave sidewalk conditions. Senior Vice President Gilbert ask elevator issues be reported to the facilities 24/7 hotline 718-951-5885.
6. Professor Mobina Hashmi moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Adler (USG) seconded.

Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

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Cleared 4 challenges

1. **System Outages**
    i. Alternative forms of vaccination status confirmation in the event of a Cleared 4 system disruption
        1. Picture of CDC card with Brooklyn College ID
            a. Need communication about getting physical ID
                i. Include ID station schedule
            b. Communicate Instructions on uploading pics for Navigator App
        2. NYC Covid Safe App (stores pics of CDC card and ID)
        3. Excelsior Pass
2. **People are not receiving Cleared 4 messages**
    i. Communication channels for different populations about reviewing Cleared 4 information
        1. Students
            a. Faculty to put Cleared 4 instructions on blackboard
            b. USG and GSO to engage through *What's App*
            c. Any other channels students use on a regular basis? (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
        2. Adjuncts
            a. Enlist the Department Chairs to relay communication
        3. Other hard to reach populations
            a. RF Employees
            b. GTFs
    ii. Mass email distribution
        1. Can we distribute to active/current emails we have on file (CUNYfirst, other systems, etc.)?
    iii. Communication – Messaging (work with OSI)
        1. Cleared 4 instructions
            a. Check "Receive SMS Messages" box in Cleared 4
            b. Enter an email that is used frequently
        2. Promote RST website in communications around CLEARED 4
        3. indicate the URLs to look up instead of including links

Faculty/Student Relations Committee Report
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
5:00pm

I. Public Notification System
    a. At times it is required for information to be posted in a public place. However, there is no one place where information such as important dates, deadlines and notices are posted.
    b. The college has an online calendar found at http://events.brooklyn.cuny.edu/cal/main/showEventList.rdo but it doesn't appear to include notices.
    c. **The committee recommends that the College establish a Public Notices Calendar or Log which would keep a rolling list of importation information.**

II. College-wide COVID Absence Policy
    a. It was recommended by some faculty that a college-wide COVID absence policy be established to provide uniformity in how this type of absence is handled by faculty.
    b. The committee reviewed some policies from other schools. However, it doesn't appear that such a policy would fall under the purview of this committee.
    c. **The committee recommends that Faculty Council, specifically, the Committee on Course and Standing, establish a college-wide COVID Absence Policy.**