

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL

March 21, 2017

- (6337) Call to order The sixth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CIS).
- (6338) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Day (Africana), Perdikaris (Anthro & Archae), Studamire (Biology), Dembek & Rubal-Lopez (CBSE), Ciszowska & Dowd (Chemistry), DeBey (ECAE), Juhasz (Film), SenGupta & Warren (History), Shottenkirk (Philosophy), Hass & Weston (Psychology), Perez Rosario (PRLS), Adams (SEED), Burzstyn & Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL), Fry (TV & Radio); School Delegate: Hejtmanek (Child & Youth), Murrow & Rubinson (Educ.), Childers, Minter & Vitale (Humanities & Soc Sci.), Grasso (Nat. & Bev. Sci.), Grubbs (Visual, Media & Perform Arts) were absent (-27); Zolkower (Educ), Carp & Smith (Humanities & Soc Sci), Gargan (Library) were excused (-4); Administrators: Anderson, O'Reilly, Carey, MacLelland, Psarris, Gilbert, Fitzgerald, Hewitt, Gold & Ali were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6339) Minutes of February 14, 2017 The minutes of February 14, 2017 were approved unanimously.
- (6340) Steering Committee Professor Langsam held a moment of silence for Professor Len Fox (English) who died on March 15. Professor Aja (PRLS) announced that Professor Fox's memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Judson Memorial Church in Manhattan.
- Professor Langsam made the following announcements:
- University Faculty Senate Elections were open online until March 24.
- Faculty nominations of up to eight candidates to the Brooklyn College Association Board would be held at the April 4 Faculty Council meeting. The President will then select two members and two alternates from that list.
- Professor Shortell (Sociology) was called on to lead a discussion regarding a strategy for general education at Brooklyn College. At the end of the discussion, Professor Wills (History) proposed the following motion "That Brooklyn College adopts the CUNY Pathways guidelines." The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of: 64 yeas, 5 nays, and 5 abstentions.
- (6331) Communications from the Administration President Anderson was unable to attend due to her obligations as a member of the search committee for the presidency of John Jay College. Provost Tramontano reported for the President that the College is constructing a BC webpage that will serve as a clearinghouse to support vulnerable students by directing them to

financial, legal, psychological, and safety resources from across CUNY and New York City. The College is working to set up regular monthly office hours on campus for the Citizenship Now program. Provost Tramontano announced on behalf of the co-chairs of the Middle States Steering Committee AP Asbury and Professor Porter (Sociology) that Dr. Tito Guerrero, Brooklyn College's Middle States Liaison will be visiting the campus on March 29. There will be an open forum for faculty to meet with Dr. Guerrero at 2 pm in the Gold Room in the Student Center. The draft of the unapproved self-study framework that was submitted to Dr. Guerrero will be posted on the College portal. Lastly, the Provost talked about the change from having a physical college bookstore to Akademos, an online college bookstore. He urged faculty to sign up for one of the training sessions that AP MacLelland had set up to help faculty make the transition and learn how to use the Akademos system. This would improve the chances of a flawless rollout starting with Summer 2.

(6332) Liaison with the University Faculty Senate

The visit of UFS Chair Katherine Conway (BMCC) is delayed until the April 4 meeting of Faculty Council due to the rescheduling of the March 14, 2017 Faculty Council meeting.

(6333) Committee on Committees

Professor Shortell was pleased to report that there was now a complete Faculty Council committee slate. Professor Marra (Earth & Environmental Sciences) agreed to fill the vacancy on Course & Standing, and Professor Shortell will be stepping in as chair of the General Education Committee for the rest of the semester. The proposed slate was adopted unanimously.

(6344) Degree Lists

Professor Bowdoin (Library) reported that the Committee on Review of Student Records had reviewed the list, and it was in order. Degree Lists 2017/10 was approved with a vote of 72 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6335) Report of Standing Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Cohen (Music) presented Curriculum Document 385. The following changes to the document were made: in Section A-III: Changes in Degree Programs, the B.B.A. degree program in business administration was withdrawn and would be presented in the April curriculum document; in Section A-IV: New Courses, KINS 4410 was withdrawn because it had been approved in a previous document. Curriculum Document 385 as amended was approved with a vote of 70 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Professor Massood (Film) presented Curriculum Document 239. A number of minor editing changes were corrected. Curriculum Document 239 was approved with a vote of 69 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Computer Utilization and Educational Technology: Professor Langsam presented for Professor Palmquist (Music) the annual report of the committee. He thanked them for their work. An announcement was made of the committee's upcoming workshop, co-sponsored with the Center for Teaching,

“Technically Speaking: Faculty Conversations about Technology” on Thursday April 27 from 11 am-2:30 pm in the Library. The workshop is open to all full-time and part-time faculty.

(6346) Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yedidiah Langsam
Chair

Sharona A. Levy
Secretary