

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
December 10, 2019

- (6594) Call to order The fourth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2019-2020 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm in the Woody Tanger Auditorium by Professor Langsam (CISC).
- (6595) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Fraser (Africana), Cherrier (E&ES), Shannon (ECAE), Haine (FGSW), Cai (Kins); Delegates: Murrow (Educ), Bank Munoz (Humanities), Biais, Davenport (Nat. & Beh Sci.); were absent (-9); Murelli (Chemistry), Nadell (English), Parmar (SEED), Raphael & Smith (Humanities), Levitan, McEntee & Torrente (Nat. & Beh Sci.) were excused (-8); Administrators: Lewis & Gould were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6596) Minutes of November 12, 2019 The minutes of November 12, 2019 were passed unanimously.
- (6597) Steering Committee The election for two members of the Committee on Committees took place. Professors Estey (POLS), Florence (KINS) and Elizalde-Utnick (SPCL) were nominated. They received 64, 47, and 46 votes respectively, and Professor Estey and Florence were elected.
- (6598) Communications from the Administration President Anderson announced a number of new appointments at CUNY Central. She discussed successful fundraising efforts at Brooklyn College, which have supported student success and degree completion. She thanked all that participated in these efforts. In addition, she reported about conversations at CAP about campus climate, especially at the department level. Issues raised included anti-bullying efforts, the authority of chairs, and civility. President Anderson then introduced other members of the Brooklyn College administration, who reported on their work during the fall semester of 2019.
- Provost Lopes announced expanded resources for the Center for Teaching and Learning to support more workshops for faculty. She discussed obstacles that had been identified for student success in

gateway math courses and reported on the establishment of the college-wide Advisement Council.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert spoke about employee success, including the Leadership Academy, which develops management and professional skills, other professional development opportunities for employees, and human resources surveys.

Chief Legal and Labor Relations Officer Thomas delivered a presentation about free speech rights for state employees and discussed training for chairs on faculty misconduct. He described efforts to support the unification of the three student governments into one student governments and called attention to the revitalized employee-of-the-month program.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jackson announced that Brooklyn College had the largest graduating class in 43 years. He spoke about the senior gift campaign, the expansion of the food insecurity campaign, the implementation of the Immigrant Student Success Office, and an increase in the number of student spaces on campus.

Chief Diversity Officer Brown described the work of his office: 110 cases with 56 investigations completed in a timely manner, the clarification and streamlining of the complaint process, meetings of his office on quarterly basis with Academic Affairs, the development of inclusive workplace training, the beginning of conversations about anti-bullying, Title IX trainings, the establishment of a number of committees, including a permanent LGBTQ resource committee, a diversity committee, and the completion of the affirmative action plan.

Following the presentations, a discussion focused on the physical plant, lobbying efforts, CUNY's budget request, strategies to approach NY State.

(6599) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Levy reported on latest meeting of the University Faculty Senate.

(6600) Degree
Lists

Degree Lists 2020/5 & 6 passed with a vote of 84 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6601) Report of
Standing
Committees

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 253 with changes passed with a vote of 85 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 402 with changes passed with a vote of 82 yeas, 2 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Course & Standing: The annual report was submitted and accepted.

Committee on General Education: Professor Troyansky (HIST) presented a white paper about the difference between regular courses and general education course and the distribution of courses over the semester.

(6602) Old Business

There was no old business.

(6603) New Business

There was no new business.

(6604) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharona Levy /Martha Nadell

Chair

Acting Secretary/Secretary