Brooklyn College

POLICY COUNCIL
Minutes of the November 13, 2013 Meeting

Present: President Karen L. Gould, Associate Provost Terrence Cheng, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Jerry Mirotznik, Executive Director Steven Schechter, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Interim Dean Matthew Moore, Professor Yedidyah Langsam, Professor Andrew Arlig, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Namulundah Florence, David Rosenberg, Ezriel Strum, Washieka Torres, Robin Cohen, Joseph Grunfeld, Adam Zauderer, Joseph Awadjie, Rene Straker, Keston Boyce.
Absent: Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Director Keisha-Gaye Anderson, Professor Bruce MacIntyre, Professor William Gargan, Professor Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Amy Hughes, Professor Alex Vitale.
Non-voting: Nicole Haas, Vanessa Green.

1. The minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The minutes of the May 7, 2013 were amended to adequately reflect the outcome of the vote on the proposal to amend the Brooklyn College Governance, and were subsequently unanimously approved.
3. The Executive Committee put forth names for consideration:
   a) External Relations: Keston Boyce, Ezriel Strum, Alex Vitale, Moustafa Bayoumi (spring '14 only), Karl Steel (fall '13 only), Steven Schechter, Karen L. Gould
   b) Faculty and Student Relations: Kombe Jobe, Renee Blumenfrucht, Nisan Zaghi, Michelle Shayowitz, Andrew Arlig, Priya Parmar, Aaron Kozbelt, Doug Cohen
   c) Governance: David Rosenberg, Joseph Grunfeld, Yedidyah Langsam, Jerry Mirotznik, Pam Pollack

All nominations were unanimously approved.
4. Student Tech Fee: The Tech fee committee will meet in December. Students advocated campus-wide WiFi as an institutional priority, especially in classrooms. Students said that WiFi is the single most important technology request by students, more so than smart classrooms. There has been progress with WiFi upgrades in several buildings, such as the bottom three floors of Boylan, James, and parts of Whitehead. A suggestion was made to include WiFi upgrades in the bid package specifications for smart classrooms. Compact funds can be used for major initiatives such as WiFi.
   Students can put forth their request for building-based printing stations to VP Morales, which she can then forward to the Tech Fee committee for consideration.

Brooklyn College student email addresses are currently not reflective of the student bearer. Although they can be changed on the portal, students would prefer a more relevant email address to be assigned from the start, citing John Jay as an example. Faculty and staff noted that students benefit from a BC ID with and ".edu" email address, when making presentations where they must cite their contact information, with submissions for undergraduate research publications and scholarship applications, for discounts on merchandise (i.e. Apple and Amazon), and to professionalize their presentation. It was suggested that guidance be provided to students regarding the impact of electronic postings and profiles on their professional futures (i.e., "Mapping Your Future Electronically: The Do's and Don'ts").

5. There was brief discussion of the roadmap to graduation; the matter will be given deeper attention at a future meeting. This issue is dominating national discourse, as it impacts students, financial aid and debt. Dr. Eric White conducted an external evaluation of CAAS and made recommendations for improvement that will benefit undergraduate students. The transitional hand-off from CAAS to the departments needs to be enhanced. Graduate students, need much more support than is currently provided. The college has an Advisement Council with and action plan for scheduling, course offerings, and the resources required to enhance advising for degree progress.

6. The student Event Planning and Implementation Handbook (EPI) is now a working draft that is being used this semester for planning student-led events. However, we have not come to an agreement on the terminology used for groups or entities that lend their names to such events.

    The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.