

**POLICY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Meeting**

**Present:** President Karen L. Gould, Provost William Tramontano, Senior Vice President Joseph Giovannelli, Vice President Milga Morales, Assistant Vice President Alan Gilbert, Associate Provost Matthew Moore, Dean Maria Conelli, Dean Richard Greenwald, Dean Willie Hopkins, Dean Kleanthis Psarris, Dean April Bedford, Professor Caroline Arnold, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Prudence Cumberbatch, Professor Graciela Elizalde-Utnick, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Amy Hughes, Professor Martha Nadell, Professor Kip Marsh, Jennifer Mikhli, Michael Lutz, Joseph Awadjie, Joseph Grunfeld, Jacob Levin, Timothy Donnelly, Steven Krischer, Renee Blumenfrucht.

**Absent:** Associate Provost Terrence Cheng, Dean Ronald Jackson, Professor Yedidiah Langsam, Professor William Gargan, Professor Alex Vitale, Nisan Zaghi, Mariam Jakhshvili, Keston Boyce, Omari Williams.

**Non-voting:** Nicole Haas.

1. President Gould welcomed the members of Policy Council.
2. Election of the Executive Committee: three representatives were unanimously approved: student representative Jennifer Mikhli, the faculty representative Professor Caroline Arnold, and administration representative Dean Richard Greenwald.
3. Election of the Secretary: Dean Maria Conelli was unanimously approved.
4. The minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting were amended and approved.
5. The followed five Standing Committees were established: 1) Executive, 2) Governance, 3) External Relations, 4) Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning, and 5) Faculty/Student Relations.
6. Textbooks and Common Core reserve books: President Gould pledged \$25,000 for faculty grants in spring 2013 to support the use of open source material by the faculty. AP Terrence Cheng and Professor Miriam Deutch in the Library have spear-headed this initiative. Currently, five projects are in development. Professor Stephanie Walker reviewed the availability of textbooks on reserve in the Library. For 2 of the last 3 years, CUNY has provided the college with acquisition funds to purchase textbooks over \$75 which are held on reserve; free scanning is provided

so students do not need to photocopy. There are two sets of Common Core books, largely for the humanities, are on reserve with funds provided by Student Government. Michael Lutz noted that students have to purchase expensive access codes for books online, and often students must also purchase costly applications for associated software. Professor Cohen noted that for the Music core, the Conservatory has produced its own reader. Professor Hughes cautioned that using readers that have been produced without peer review, as is done with academic publications, could be problematic. President Gould stated that she is looking forward to seeing results from the open-source pilots and expanding the initiative to other schools and disciplines.

7. There is a scheduling conflict for the December Policy Council meeting. The December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting has been changed to **Tuesday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Penthouse, Student Center.