

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
November 12, 2024

- (6998) Call to order The third meeting of Faculty Council for the 2024-2025 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6999) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: He (BIOL), Yarrow (CLAS), Boger (E&ES), Warren (HIST), Ness (POLI); Delegates: Albarillo, Fuse & Raphael, Steel & Vitale (HUMA), Halpern (NBS), Jannone & Byam (Prog Dir), Fry (VMPA) were absent (-14); Hayder (CBSE), Jiang (HNS), Zolkower (EDUC), Grubbs (VMPA) were excused (4); Administrators – Leroy, Lynch & Eaton were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (7000) Minutes of September 17, 2024 & October 22, 2024 The minutes of September 17, 2024 and October 22, 2024 were approved unanimously.
- (7001) Steering Committee The elections for Chairperson of Faculty Council, Secretary of Faculty Council, and two additional at-large members of the Steering Committee of Faculty Council will take place at the December Faculty Council meeting.
- The election for two members for the Committee on Committees will take place at the December Faculty Council meeting.

- (7002) Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees had nothing to report.
- (7003) Degree List Degree List 2025/4 was approved with a vote of 83 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- (7004) Standing Committees
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 434 was approved with a vote of 84 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Curriculum Document 435 with changes was approved with a vote of 83 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.
- Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: The motion to separate the A-III section from Curriculum Document 284 was approved unanimously. After a discussion, the question was called with a vote of 63 yeas, 18 nays, and 4 abstentions. Curriculum Document 284 was approved with a vote of 75 yeas, 5 nays, and 5 abstentions.
- (7005) Communications from the Administration
- President Anderson provided an update about current enrollment figures and announced several open houses in the spring semester. She also provided an update about fundraising and lobbying efforts and the current New York State budget. She then spoke about the Strategic Plan and COACHE survey and the importance of collaboration and constructive dialogue, respect, and repair.
- Provost Bedford delivered a presentation about the priorities of Academic Affairs and spoke about the following: the restructuring of Academic Affairs, academic advisement, assessment and accreditation, career connected learning, the work of the Strategic Scheduling Group, and mentoring.
- President Anderson then responded to pre-submitted questions, which addressed the following: the process of submitting questions, transparency, the role of the Steering Committee of Faculty Council, a possible town hall. Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert addressed questions about facilities requests, underutilized spaces, capital projects, and repairs.

A discussion ensued, at which the following issues were addressed: Title VI and the OCR; academic freedom; the plan for class cancellations in the spring semester; Course Dog; protection and support for vulnerable students; and how to balance students' first amendment rights with students' rights to be free of harassment.

(7006)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary