

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 15, 2022

Minutes of February 15, 2022

- (6776) Call to order The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2021-22 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY) via Zoom.
- (6777) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Yarrow (CLAS), Shannon (ECAE), Ness (POLS); Delegates: Carp (Humanities) were absent (-4); Gythfeldt (MUSC) were excused (1); Administrators: Bedford, Gould, O'Reilly, Talias, Lopes, Gilbert & Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6778) Minutes of December 7, 2021 The minutes of December 7, 2021 were approved unanimously.
- (6779) Steering Committee Nominations and elections for the University Faculty Senate will take place on online at the end of February and the beginning of March.
- (6780) Communications from the Administration President Anderson welcomed everyone to the spring semester and remarked about how thrilling it was to see so many members of the BC community on campus. President Anderson then delivered the latest information about the vaccine mandate for faculty and staff, who are required to upload proof of vaccine status by April 1, 2022. She provided an update about spring enrollment and referred to the work of the seven Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) teams on the development a strategic enrollment plan. She then spoke about this year's budget, which is helped by stimulus funds that are covering budget shortfalls. Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert will hold a town hall about the stimulus funds at the end of February or beginning of March. Next year's budget includes funds to close the TAP gap within one year and to make TAP available to part-time students, funds for 540 new

full-time faculty across CUNY, funds for a one-year cost of fringe benefit, and funds for capital projects. President Anderson reported on her lobbying efforts among borough, city, and state elected officials. She stated that she did not have news about the search for the new Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. President Anderson announced that plans for a memorial and memorial ceremony for those that have died of COVID, as well as for loved ones of the Brooklyn College community, were underway. She informed Faculty Council that the Office of Civil Rights is investigating allegations of anti-Semitism at Brooklyn College. She stated Brooklyn College's unequivocal condemnation anti-Semitism in any form and announced efforts to assuage concerns about anti-Semitism. She also spoke about a recent story in the *Daily Mail*, which falsely reported a shooter and a shooting at Brooklyn College and misstated the status of firearms among public safety officers. She updated Faculty Council about Brooklyn College's anti-racist agenda, which includes new, innovative, and collaborative diversity training and several steps to support the development of the Asian-American Studies program and minor. She then updated Faculty Council about recent fundraising.

Provost Lopes announced that the Re-Entry Review Board has relaxed many of the rules and regulations for re-entry, including those for labs and lab researchers. She reported that a meeting would take place to introduce faculty to the new staff and developments in the Office of Research and Sponsored Program.

A discussion ensued about the following: the campus mask mandate, the vaccine mandate, and a new scholarship at the Koppelman School of Business.

(6781)
Committee on
Committees

Professor Levy announced that an email asking for interest in serving on Faculty Council committees would go out the next week. The latest slate was elected with a vote of 91 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6782) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

Professor Cohen (MUSC) reported on the most recent meeting of the University Faculty Senate, at which Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Sapienza spoke and the joint and the joint CUNY-SUNY budget resolution was discussed.

(6783) Degree
List

Degree Lists 2022/7 & 8 were each approved with a vote of 95 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6784) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree
Requirements: Curriculum Document 417 was approved with a
vote of 96 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Standards: Curriculum
Document 266 was approved with a vote of 93 yeas, 0 nays, and
4 abstentions.

There was no old business.

(6785) Old
Business

(6786) New
Business

Professor Simon (ARTD) invited members to submit proposals to
Faculty Day by February 22, 2022.

(6787)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary