

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
April 5, 2022

Minutes of March 15, 2022

- (6788) Call to order The sixth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2021-22 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY) via Zoom.
- (6789) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Cox (CISC), Childers (MLL); Delegates: Wills (Prog Dir) were absent (-3); Boger (EESC), Cohen (MUSC) & Trivedi (PHIL), Hainline (NBS) were excused (4); Administrators: Bedford, Gould, Lewis, O'Reilly, Tolia, Lopes, Gilbert, Conelli, McGinnis, Coombs, Cumming & Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6790) Minutes of February 15, 2022 The minutes of February 15, 2022 were approved unanimously.
- (6791) Steering Committee The election for the University Faculty Senate will take place online, once nominees have confirmed their willingness to stand. The "Resolution on Instructional Modality" passed with a vote of 89 yeas, 5 nays, and 6 abstentions.
- (6792) Communications from the Administration Reflecting on the high demands and pressure of this semester, President Anderson delivered a message, requested by the PSC, that faculty, as well as staff, cannot do everything at once. She reminded attendees about the importance of kindness, compassion, and care and spoke about the challenges of re-entry and the increase in conflicts on campus. To address the rise in conflicts, the Safety Review Board is planning training in conflict de-escalation.
- President Anderson then provided an update about the Strategic Enrollment Management process and the CUNY Strategic Roadmap and announced the appointment of Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Hensel. President Anderson reported on

new CUNY rules about masking, which makes masks optional, and new signage about masking and other COVID-related issues. She provided updates about Ukrainian students in need of assistance, listed resources for those affected and triggered by the events in Ukraine, and announced a teach-in about the war in Ukraine on March 21, 2022.

President Anderson turned to concerns about racial equality. She spoke about the rise in hate crimes, especially directed toward Asian American women, and concerns about safety; she provided details about Public Safety's campus escort service and plans for self-defense training hosted by the Women's Center. President Anderson discussed cluster hiring and the requirement for departmental affirmative action plans. She spoke about efforts to promote collegiality and respect among faculty members, including anti-bullying, DEI, and implicit bias trainings, as well as her openness to revising and re-issuing the RFP about campus climate for an outside consultant. She then discussed the racial equity gaps in student performance and efforts to address it. Finally, she announced an upcoming We Stand Against Hate event: Jai Chakabarti '12 will speak about his novel *A Play for the End of the World* on March 15, 2022.

A discussion ensued about the following: the context of the PSC message and the speed-up of work at Brooklyn College, the language of the RFP for an outside consultant, the state of WIFI on campus, transparency about sub-lines, the need for computer updates and replacements, hybrid classrooms, and cluster hires.

(6793)
Committee on
Committees

The latest slate was elected with a vote of 93 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6794) Degree
List

Degree List 2022/9 was approved with a vote of 91 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

(6795) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 418 with changes was approved with a vote of 96 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6796) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(6797) New
Business

There was no new business.

(6798)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary