

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL
March 28, 2023

Minutes of March 7, 2023

- (6889) Call to order The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2022-23 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6878) Roll call The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Qi (BIOL), Rifkin (BUSN), Thibodeau (CLAS), Shannon (ECAE), Cheng (EE&S), Maumus (PHIL), Hardin (PSCY), Robinson (TREM): Delegates: Hejtmanek (Prog Dir), Jensen-Moulton & Sosa (VMPPA) were absent (-11); Fischer (ACCT), Simon (ART), Langsam (CIS), Goldberg & Klein (ECON), Agoos (ENGL), Brodsky & Flatto (JUDC), Parmar (SEED), Banerjee & Raphael (Humanities), Rabin, Raphan & Weiss (NBS), Pan (Prog Dir), Rodman (VMPPA) were excused (16): Administrators Bedford, Cumming, Connell, Eaton, McGinnis, O'Reilly, Scharron del Rio were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6879) Minutes of November 15, 2022 The minutes of December 13, 2022 were approved unanimously.
- (6880) Steering Committee Professor Danto (FILM) read a minute upon the passing of Professor Emeritus Lindley Hanlon (FILM). Professor Shortell announced that the Brooklyn College Association Board nominations would take place at the next meeting and that the online University Faculty Senate election was ongoing. He urged faculty to complete the COACHE survey.
- (6881) Communications President Anderson thanked all members for their hard work this year. She then spoke about the budget: the

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savings target of \$6.6M required by CUNY Central; efforts to increase revenue through recruitment and retention and to decrease expenses in the areas of personnel services, the adjunct budget, temp services, and OTPS; the impact of the budget savings plan on the schedule; the timing of the required budget savings plan; and the process for the Vacancy Review Board. She announced that a forum about the student-centered campus would take place on March 15, 2023. She reported on retention figures and the CUNY reconnect program. She also spoke about her lobbying efforts.

A discussion about the following ensued: why local students enrolled in other CUNY schools; the need for more entry-level courses in the Modern Languages and Literature Department; the impact of the conservative scheduling of courses; the timeline for the budget savings plan; the feelings that current students have about Brooklyn College; the Strategic Plan; the New York State budget surplus and the CUNY Central-mandated plan for budget cuts; communication between the CUNY presidents and the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees; the demographics of part-time students; and the possibility of tuition hikes.

(6882)
Committee on
Committees

The "Resolution to Create Committee on Disability Accommodations and Awareness" passed with a vote of 80 yeas, 0 nays, and one abstention.

(6883) Liaison
with the
University
Faculty Senate

The report on the most recent meeting of the University Faculty Senate was postponed until the next meeting of Faculty Council.

(6884) Degree
List

Degree List 2023/9 was approved with a vote of 77 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

(6885) Reports
of Standing
Committees

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 424 was approved with a vote of 76 yeas, 0 nay, and 2 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 274 with changes was approved with a vote of 71 yeas, 1 nay, and 6 abstentions.

Committee on Course & Standing: The Resolution on Graduation with Honors-updates passed with a vote of 56 yeas, 24 nays, and 7 abstentions.

(6886) Old
Business

There was no old business.

(6887) New
Business

The graduate student liaison addressed Faculty Council.

(6888)
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell
Chair

Martha Nadell
Secretary