

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
February 19, 2025 General Meeting
5:00pm, Gold Room, Student Center

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost April Bedford, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Interim Dean James Lynch, Interim Dean Paula Massood, Dean Philip Napoli, Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio, Dean Peter Talias, Professor Karen McFadden, Professor Jillian Cavanaugh, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mona Hadler, Professor MJ Robinson, Professor Malka Simon, Professor Patricia Antonello, Professor Brian Sowers, Noam Abrahams (USG), Anna Belenko (USG), Carrie Ebbin (USG), Nitu Farhin (USG), Naomi Hymowitz (USG), Taseen Islam (USG), Jaia Jones (USG), Cyle Paul (USG), Jamie Jones (GSO), Jonathan Colon (GSO).

Absent: Vice President Ronald Jackson, Executive Legal Counsel Jaclyn Helms, Professor Joseph Entin, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Sophia Suarez, Dylan Karlowski (USG), Haritha Lakshmanan (USG), Doha Nemr (USG), Carmine Tepedino (USG).

Non-voting: Sadiya Hoque, Shannon Dyett, Robert Echevarria.

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. President Anderson provided updates on ongoing initiatives, including support for neurodiverse students and a review of the Institute of Gender, Law & Transformative Peace (IGLTP).
3. Professor Namulundah Florence moved to approve November 20, 2024 minutes; Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert reported on Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning. Professor Jillian Cavanaugh requested an update on cafeteria services, which remains in progress.
5. President Anderson clarified procedures for instances when law enforcement officers visit the campus. Public safety should be contacted first at ext. 5511. Legal Affairs should be contacted at ext. 3118, and then the President's Office at ext. 5671.
6. Vice President Todd Galitz reported that the External Relations Committee will meet before the next Policy Council meeting.

7. The student scheduling survey results were reviewed, analyzing undergraduate, graduate and non-degree students' data. Professor Florence and Cavanaugh noted that students expressed a preference for either fully in-person or fully online classes. President Anderson noted that the results will be on the agenda for the next Council on Administrative Policy (CAP) meeting for further discussion.
8. Noam Abrahams (USG) and student representatives requested updating degree maps and including multi-year rotational scheduling. Provost April Bedford emphasized the need to update degree maps with multi-semester scheduling before implementing multi-year rotational scheduling. Robust dialogue ensued. President Anderson noted multi-year rotational scheduling would be added on the next Policy Council agenda.
9. Provost Bedford is compiling a list of student research opportunities to be published on the College website.
10. Professor Florence proposed clarifications to Section VI of the Interim Events Protocol, including defining the range of penalties and specifying disciplinary contractual actions. Dean Philip Napoli moved to adopt the policy; VP Galitz seconded. 26 in favor/2 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries.
11. Noam (USG) addressed topic of signage related to protecting students and suggested referring to Faculty/Student Relations Committee.
12. Jamie Jones (GSO) moved to adjourn the meeting; Jonathan Colon (GSO) seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Policy Council – Fiscal, Infrastructure, and Planning Meeting Summary

February 11, 2025

- **Student Government Meeting:** Alan and Aharon met with the student government for a discussion on February 4, 2025. They had a productive session addressing student questions.
- **Facilities Capital Projects:** Alan provided an update on the progress of various facilities capital projects and the involvement of the Faculty Council Campus Planning Committee. He aims to provide a clear timeline for upcoming projects to the campus community in the March 2025 Open Forum.
- **High Concern Status:** Alan informed the Committee that we still are considered a high concern campus by CUNY. CUNY has not removed that designation from any of the 9 campuses.
- **Faculty Line Searches:** Alan discussed Fall 2026 faculty line searches and will be reviewing with April. Since we are still a high concern campus we can only move forward on 50% of faculty lines that have been vacated since Spring 2025 at this time. Rebuilding our faculty lines is a strategic priority.
- **Cafeteria Vendor:** Alan updated the team on the search for a new cafeteria vendor. There is a vendor interested in providing interim grab-and-go services, but the vendor has not yet signed an agreement. Alan hopes to have a definitive answer by the end of the week.
- **Community Spaces:** Alan mentioned that the College received \$2 million in capital funding for community spaces and is working on a plan.
- **Professional Development:** Alan discussed the importance of professional development programs for staff and faculty. The team is working on various initiatives.
- **PSC Travel Funding:** Joseph and Philip discussed the challenges of not having enough PSC travel funding for faculty. They emphasized the need for more sustainable funding sources for travel.