

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
April 9, 2024

Minutes of March 12, 2024

- (6949) Call to order      The fifth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2023-2024 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6950) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Yarrow & Thibodeau (CLAS), Lauterbach (ECAE), Warren (HIST), Maumus (PHIL), Theoharis (POLS) Hardin (PSYC): Delegates: Bradley-Sanders & Wild (HUMA), Rabin (NBS), Arlig (Prog Dir) were absent (-11); Danto (FILM), Nakarmi (PHYS), Vivier (THEA), & Okome (HUMA) were excused (4): Administrators – Connell, Cumming, Galitz, McGinnis and O'Reilly were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6951) Minutes of December 12, 2023      The minutes of December 12, 2023 were approved unanimously.
- (6952) Steering Committee      Professor Shortell called attention to the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders letter in response to University Provost Hensel's recent memo and the report from the National Center for Educational Statistics, which projects strong college enrollment in the next decade. He announced that nominations for the University Faculty Senate will take place online from March 18 to March 22, 2024. Elections will take place online from April 8 to April 12, 2024.
- (6953) Committee on Committees      A change in the current slate for Faculty Council committees was approved with a vote of 76 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. The "Resolution Concerning the Merger of the Faculty Council Committees on Honorary Degrees and on Honors, Citations, and Awards" was approved with a vote of 67 yeas, 5 nays, and 4 abstentions.

(6954) Degree List	Degree Lists 2024/7, 8, & 9 were approved with a vote of 77 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
(6955) Reports of Standing Committees	<p>Committee on Master Planning, Budget, &amp; Educational Policy: The “Resolution to Establish an Advanced Certificate in Reading Science: Emergent Readers Leading to the Post-Master’s Certificate” passed with a vote of 78 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. The “Resolution to Establish an Advanced Certificate in Reading Science: All Grades Leading to the Post-Master’s Certificate” passed with a vote of 79 yeas, 2 nays, and 3 abstentions. Professor SenGupta (HIST) provided an update on the New Program Manual and asked for suggestions to be emailed to her.</p> <p>Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum &amp; Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 430 was approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions. Curriculum Document 431 was approved with a vote of 84 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.</p> <p>Committee on Graduate Curriculum &amp; Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 280 was approved with a vote of 81 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. Curriculum Document 281 was approved with a vote of 83 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.</p> <p>Committee on Course &amp; Standing: The “Resolution on Academic Probation, Dismissal, and Readmission” passed with a vote of 63 yeas, 6 nays, and 12 abstentions.</p>
(6956) Governance theme: belonging	Professor Menser (PHIL) introduced student representatives of the Urban Sustainability Club, President Sofia Mariyamis and Treasurer Wil Kitcher, who spoke about promoting belonging through their collaborative activities and initiatives. They described the mission of the club and the over one hundred events it organized in the past year, including collections, environmental showcases, a career fair, and cross-campus events. The club not only promotes sustainability but also fosters belonging by creating community among like-minded students and by supporting the campus and larger New York community as a whole in open and public facing ways. The students

invited all to connect with the club and to participate in its activities in the multiple ways available. Professor Shortell urged Faculty Members to promote and support student clubs in their departments.

(6957)  
Communications  
from the  
Administration

President Anderson congratulated Professor Scharrón-del Río (SPCL) on her appointment as the Dean of the School of Education. She announced that the Koppelman School of Business was accredited by the AACSB, there is a new mural in the Tow Performing Arts Center, and that Eid, Diwali, and Lunar New Year will be official CUNY holidays. She reported on her meetings with members of the Brooklyn College community, including small group meetings with staff, the Presidential Advisory Committee on Staff, which is working on its bylaws, and with student groups. She reported on the number of student-faculty groups participating in the Tow Mentoring Initiative; a new Brooklyn College economic impact study, commissioned by the Brooklyn College Foundation; the progress in the search for a new college lawyer and interim plans; the Presidential Lecture Series which will feature Tania Leone's on March 28, 2024. President Anderson then provided updates about her consistent and year-round lobbying efforts at the city, state, and federal level. She then reported on fundraising successes, which includes alumni and foundation support for student scholarships, curricula, and research. She provided an update about the innovative ways to recruit and retain students and the latest enrollment figures. She invited Faculty Council to participate in admitted student events. President Anderson spoke about two new initiatives: one, which asks alumni to contact their elected officials to lobby for CUNY and the other, which asks faculty to appear in short videos about why they love Brooklyn College and their scholarly work. President Anderson spoke briefly about the proposed changes to CUNY by-laws.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert provided an update about the two RFPs out for food services for campus.

A discussion ensued, during which the following were addressed: the capital budget, the reduction in the adjunct budget, the cost of meals at the food trucks on campus, possible new lines for the upcoming academic year, the possibility of working with local businesses on the RFPs for

food service, the Department of Defense initiative, the request to hire peace officers, admissions requirements listed on the Brooklyn College website, and communicating with the Board of Trustees about the proposed by-laws changes.

Professor Cohen provided an update about the latest meeting of the University Faculty Senate, at which the Chair of the Board of Trustees Thompson spoke about the current reputation of higher education, the New York State budget and funding for CUNY, the Office of General Counsel, the Hensel memo and its impact on faculty governance. A discussion ensued, during which the following were addressed: the possibility of UFS intervention in the proposed by-laws changes, the relationship between the Hensel memo and the proposed changes, the organization of a discussion about the proposed changes, possible responses to the by-laws changes, a request to ask President Anderson to communicate a request to slow down the time line for the changes, and responses from other campuses.

(6958) Old  
Business

There was no old business.

(6958) New  
Business

Professor Simon (CTL) announced the “Pedagogy Field Trip” and the “Breathe, Relax and Let Grow: Nature-Based Mindfulness” at Floyd Bennett Field on Friday, April 5, 2024 and “ACE with NACE: Achieving Career Excellence with NACE Competency” on March 26, 2024. Professor Aja (PRLS) announced that Hess Week, featuring University of Florida Professor of History Paul Ortiz, will take place from April 1- April 4, 2024.

(6959)  
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary