

BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
FACULTY COUNCIL  
May 14, 2024

Minutes of April 9, 2024

- (6960) Call to order      The sixth meeting of Faculty Council for the 2023-2024 academic year was called to order at 3:30 pm by Professor Shortell (SOCY).
- (6961) Roll call      The roll call was taken at the door. Department Chairs and Representatives: Reed (CBSE), Yarrow & Thibodeau (CLAS), Remy & Warren (HIST), Maumus (PHIL), Theoharis (POL) Hardin (PSYC), Bloomfield & McCabe (SPCL); Delegates: Paul (BUSN), Rabin & Suarez (NBS), Arlig & Jannone (Prog Dir) & Sosa (VMPA) were absent (-16); Sandeman (PHYS), Kozbelt (PSYC), Nakarmi (PHYS) were excused (3); Administrators – Connell, Cumming & Hu, were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (6962) Minutes of March 12, 2024      The minutes of March 12, 2024, with changes, were approved unanimously.
- (6963) Steering Committee      Professor Shortell called attention to the memo about the transition to Brightspace and the statement about the proposed changes to the CUNY bylaws, prepared for the Stated Meeting of the Faculty. He raised a question about how Faculty Council would like to respond to the proposed changes to the CUNY by-laws. He then announced that the Faculty Council School Delegate election will take place online in May.
- (6964) Degree List      Degree Lists 2024/10 were approved with a vote of 75 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
- (6965) Reports of Standing Committees      Committee on Master Planning, Budget, & Educational Policy: The “Resolution on Proposed CUNY Bylaws Changes” was introduced, and a discussion followed. The

amendment to add “in their current form” to the “Be It Resolved” failed with a vote of 15 yeas, 59 nays, and 7 abstentions. The resolution to strike the seventh “Whereas” (“Whereas they would force Chairs to report on P & T candidates’ ‘relationships’ . . . ) passed with a vote of 66 yeas 10 nays, and 6 abstentions. A vote to call the question passed with a vote of 64 yeas, 15 nays, and 4 abstentions. The “Resolution on Proposed CUNY Bylaws Changes” passed with a vote of 77 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions.

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 432 with changes was approved with a vote of 78 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions.

Committee on Graduate Curriculum & Degree Requirements: Curriculum Document 282 with changes was approved with a vote of 76 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions. The annual report was submitted and accepted.

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Communications  
from the  
Administration

President Anderson updated Faculty Council on lobbying efforts at the federal level for two congressional earmark requests for capital investments and maternal and fetal health. She discussed her April 5, 2024 op-ed in *Crains*, “[Delivering on the Promise of Higher Education](#),” as an explicit lobbying document and called attention to the forthcoming economic impact report about the value of a Brooklyn College degree for graduates and the New York State economy. President Anderson discussed enrollment, sharing a new sizzle reel for recruitment, the latest enrollment figures, and information about recruitment events. She then informed Faculty Council about recent fundraising successes and about how to provide feedback on the Brooklyn College website (a form accessible through the BC Brief and open office hours on May 15, 2024).

Provost Bedford announced the following: the lower level of the Brooklyn College library will be open after spring break; the Strategic Planning Committee will send out a draft of strategic priorities; SEEK has received approval for its students to use financial aid for travel to conference, study abroad, and application preparation.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Gilbert informed Faculty Council that two food trucks will offer \$7.00 lunch specials and provided an update about progress on two RFPs out for food services for campus.

A discussion ensued, during which the following were addressed: a recent *New York Times* article about Baruch College, lobbying for the humanities, library hours, the need for funding for instrumentation, the status of smart classrooms, the process for reporting facilities issues, and responses to President Anderson's op-ed.

Professor Cohen provided an update about the latest meeting of the University Faculty Senate, at which the President of the PSC-CUNY Davis spoke about the proposed CUNY bylaws changes and their relation to the contract. He also provided an update on contract negotiations. The motion about the language of freedom of expression in the CUNY bylaws passed. The resolution about the Hensel memo did not pass. A discussion about academic freedom followed.

There was no old business.

(6967) Old  
Business

(6968) New  
Business

A request was made to circulate the Stated Meeting of the Faculty document about the proposed bylaws changes, so that faculty can sign on to it.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Shortell  
Chair

Martha Nadell  
Secretary