

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
FACULTY COUNCIL

October 13, 2009

- (5645) Call to order The second meeting of Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 academic year was called order at 3:30 PM. in Room 150 Tanger Auditorium by the chair, Prof. Charles Tobey.
- (5646) Roll call The roll was called using the clickers indicating 63 members present. Department Chairs and Representatives: Cunningham & Thomas (Africana Studies), Bankoff & Sharman (Anthro & Archaeo), Powell & Cranganu (Geology), Druks (Judaic Studies); Divisional Delegates: Fairey (Humanities), Okome (Program Director), Raphan & Tenenbaum (Science), Wills (Social Science) were absent (-12); Bloomfield (Education) & Tremper (English) Sosa (Arts) were excused (-3); Administrators: Faria, Green, Hewitt, Gilbert Morales & Czirak were also absent and excused. All other members were present.
- (5647) Minutes of April 7, 2009, May 12, 2009, September 8, 2009 There were no minutes to review. Professor Charles Tobey announced that Professor George Shapiro would have the minutes available for the November meeting. Professor Yedidiah Langsam served as secretary for the meeting.
- (5648) Steering Committee
- An election was held for the Chair of Faculty Council. A single nomination was introduced from the floor: Professor Maria Perez y Gonzalez of the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies. Professor Maria Perez y Gonzalez was elected with a vote of yes-64, 1-no, 1-abstain
 - An election was held for the Secretary of Faculty Council. There were no nominations. The election was then deferred to the November meeting.
 - An election was held for two At-Large seats on the Steering Committee of Faculty Council: Four nominations were received from the floor. Professor Bill Gargan (Library) and Professor Leslie Jacobson (Health & Nutrition Science) were elected:
 - Professor Bill Gargan: 38
 - Professor Leslie Jacobson: 29
 - Professor Martha Nadell: 23
 - Professor Liz Weis: 26
 - An election for the Search Committee for Vice President for Enrollment Services was held. Faculty Council was to nominate a slate of four individuals from which the President would pick two. However, only three individuals were nominated:
 - Professor Stephanie Walker (Library)
 - Professor Bruce MacIntyre (Conservatory of Music)
 - Professor David Troyansky (History)
 All three were elected. The slate will be sent to the President.
 - An election for five members of the Teacher Education Advisory Panel was to be held. However, Dean Shanley notified the Council that the election was already held at a previous meeting during the Spring

for which no official minutes are available to verify the election. Thus no action was required.

- The newly elected Chair of Faculty Council, Professor Maria Perez y Gonzalez, rose to thank Professor Charles Tobey and Professor George Shapiro, Chair and Secretary of Faculty Council respectively, for their long and excellent service to the council. The council responded with a loud and lengthy applause.

(5649) Communications
from the Administration

- President Gould reported that after nearly ten years of exemplary service as the President's Chief of Staff, Ms. Jane Herbert has accepted a position at the CUNY Graduate Center as Executive Director of Academic Affairs in the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, effective October 13th. During Jane's tenure at the college, she has been involved with all of the major initiatives launched by former President Kimmich, including strategic planning, middle states accreditation, and other policy and governance matters. She supervised the areas of government and community relations, and more recently, communications, as well as many special events on campus. President Gould will host a reception for her in the near future.
- The President further reported that Ms. Nicole Hosten-Haas, who is currently serving as Director of College and Community relations in the President's Office, will serve as Interim Chief of Staff, until we have completed a successful search for a successor.
- The President stated that fund raising and institutional advancement is a priority and that she will be devoting much time and effort in this area. We have many alumni and friends who take us very seriously and who appreciate what Brooklyn College has done for them. The BC Foundation's Executive Board is very enthusiastic about working with Vice President Andrew Sillen.
- The President then turned the floor to Vice President Andrew Sillen who reported the following:
 - i. The Brooklyn College Foundation has taken a hit due to the economic downturn. Approximately 300 restricted-fund accounts now contain less than the amount of money that was originally agreed upon by the donors. Thus according to NY State Law the college is not permitted to withdraw any further funds from these accounts. However, about 100 of these accounts were renegotiated with the original donors, and Vice President Sillen assured Council that the funds that were allocated to the departments would still be available.
 - ii. He further stated that when large bequests dry up, the Foundation turns its fund-raising activities towards the annual-non-restricted fund accounts.
 - iii. A new campaign will be launched on May 13 with the goal of raising \$100,000,000 which will be earmarked for three categories:
 - Student success
 - Faculty success
 - Unrestricted funds

The funds will be raised by direct mail, as well as a Gala Event in May 2010 which will consist of:

- The Best of Brooklyn Award will be given to Marjorie Magner.
- 25 Table topics - Each table at the dinner will be devoted to a distinguished individual who will discuss a topic of public interest. Several possible names were listed. A request for diverse representation of distinguished individuals was made and agreed upon.
- A suggestion was made to include outstanding students. Vice President Sillen stated that is something that we need to discuss further.

(5650) Committee on

Professor Langsam stated the committee had nothing to report.

Committees

- (5651) University Faculty Senate
- Report from Professor Martha Bell
- The Chancellor reported that the budget is good for this year, but predicts gloom and doom for next year.
 - Executive Vice Chancellor Lexa Logue reported that while enrollments were moderately up in the Senior Colleges, the Community college enrollments increased dramatically up to, in some cases, by 28%. There is concern about maintaining academic quality for students with some thought being given to limiting or deferring the enrollments so that the community colleges will not be overwhelmed by the sudden increase.
- (5652) Degree Lists: 2010/7, 8, 9 & 10
- The Degree Lists were reviewed by the Faculty Council Committee on Student Records. Professor Bowdoin reported on behalf of the committee that they were all in order. Faculty Council approved the awarding of the degrees and certificates to the students on these lists.
- (5653) Report of Standing Committees
- Report from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Professor Harrow) –
- Undergraduate Curriculum Document 334 was considered seriatim and approved.
 - Professor Harrow announced that he needs all submissions approximately one month before the meetings of Faculty Council and that there will be an early November deadline for the Spring 2010 course approvals.
- Report from the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Professor Florence) –
- Graduate Curriculum Document 189 was considered seriatim and approved.
- (5654) Adjournment
- Professor Tobey thanked the Steering Committee for all the work they have done under his leadership. He praised Professor Maria Perez y Gonzalez and stated Faculty Council was in good hands. He also thanked Professor George Shapiro for his contributions and service as Secretary despite illness. He then read a moving short story entitled "Teddy's Letter Came Today." Faculty Council responded with a sustained and loud applause.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Tobey

Chair

Yedidyah Langsam

Acting Secretary