

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

February 22, 2023 General Meeting

5:00pm, Gold Room, Student Center

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Executive Legal Counsel Sarah Luke, Chief Diversity Officer Anthony Brown, Executive Director Renita Simmons, Dean Rosamond King, Dean Qing Hu, Dean Peter Toliias, Dean Maria Perez y Gonzalez, Professor Jennifer Cherrier, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Tim Shortell, Professor Myles Bassell, Yisroel Shulman (USG), Evie Barth (USG), Aharon Grama (USG), Sahar Husain (USG), Louis Di Meglio (GSO), Carrie Ebbin (USG), Flavia Shyti (USG), Mariam Alex (USG), Robert Adler (USG), Shannon Dyett (USG), Huda Ayaz (USG)

Absent: Provost Anne Lopes, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Dean Maria Scharron del Rio, Professor Louise Hainline, Professor Sophia N. Suarez, Professor Jennifer Basil, Professor Maria Contel, Professor James Lynch, Sadiya Hoque (USG), Anna Matarazzo (GSO), Kevin McKessey (GSO alt)

Non- voting: Arijit Dhillon, Emily Nazi, Sarah Delicia-King

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order.
2. Aharon Grama moved to approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2022 meeting. Robert Adler seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. President Michelle J. Anderson discussed some encouraging numbers for enrollment but insisted a lot of work is still to be done. Greater engagement is also needed from faculty, staff, and student government already on campus to help with retention of current students.
4. Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert discussed the budget situation at the college and the savings targets implemented by CUNY. With the help of the Fiscal Review Advisory Committee (FRAC), the goal is to provide a savings plan by 03/17/23 to CUNY Central. Follow-up discussion revolved on how to meet the savings targets, including lobbying

efforts, growing enrollment, and increasing strategic efficiency and investment across the campus and CUNY.

5. Student government's request to increase the procurement limit to \$1000 from \$500 was discussed and is pending further communication with EVC Hector Batista.
6. President Michelle J. Anderson stated that committee reports should be sent before Policy Council meetings.
7. Yisroel Shulman presented resolution on the matters of the constituency designating Policy Council standing committee membership, Executive Committee nominations, and filling of vacant positions. Robust dialogue occurred and questions were raised regarding the language presented in the resolution as well as the need to change the current process. Aharon Grama moved to approve the resolution. Evie Barth seconded. Resolution was approved by majority. There was 1 objection and 3 members abstained.
8. Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert mentioned the COVID Testing site moved to the basement of Boylan Hall. He encouraged everyone to read the Fiscal Infrastructure and Planning committee update report.
9. Professor Mobina Hashmi brought up the issue of deadnaming connected with the implementation of Outlook and or Microsoft 365. Chief Diversity Officer Anthony Brown said he will find out more about the issue and report at the next meeting.
10. President Michelle J. Anderson adjourned meeting.

RESOLUTION

of the Policy Council of Brooklyn College

February 22, 2023

1. **WHEREAS**, the Policy Council of Brooklyn College shall be responsible for approving any and all new governance proposals and assuring that they meet the standards of the Trustees of the City University of New York and the standards of Brooklyn College, its faculty and administrators; the Policy Council shall also monitor the functions of individual legislative and administrative bodies to ensure that no constituent body exceeds its jurisdiction; therefore be it
2. **RESOLVED**, that the Policy Council adopts the following changes in Article IV Bylaws of the Brooklyn College Policy Council:

Add to Article IV, Section (A):

Standing Committees: There shall be five standing committees described below on which members shall serve one-year terms of service. The membership of such committees shall include at least one member from each constituency of the Policy Council in conformity with Article I-C.4.c of the Brooklyn College Governance Plan. At the first Policy Council meeting of the academic year, the constituency shall designate individuals to represent their constituency to serve on all Standing Committees, with the exception of the executive committee (deliberations and discussion is encouraged prior to the first meeting with the constituency). The nominations for the Executive Committee shall be elected by the individual constituencies. In the event of a vacancy, the head of the constituency or the constituency shall designate individuals to vacant positions.

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Policy Council Standing Committee Fiscal, Infrastructure, and Planning
Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 2:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes
 - Read prior meeting's minutes before next meeting
2. Chair Report
 - SUBO Testing site successfully moved
 - a) Student Center proceeding to add normal functionality
 - i. More equipment being added for game room
 - Auxiliary Enterprise Board
 - a) Gissette: focus is retention with students
 - i. Farmers Fridge – healthy food on campus
 1. Identified location by Library café
 2. Commitment to payment (\$2400 per month) and consumption requirement
 - ii. Mangia Fresca will be around for a little longer
 1. Facilities working on repairs and maintenance
 2. Procurement for new vendor will begin when facilities capital project is completed. This will enable us to serve hot food
 - b) Evie: MF supposed to separate Halal and Kosher but fridges have pork products in the same space
 - Website chat bot beta testing awaiting website updates
 - a) College is finalizing new website
 - b) Rollout of chatbot (Buster) will happen when new website is finalized
 - Brooklyn College Knowledge
 - a) Will be called Brooklyn College Knowledge
 - i. Putting in information related to budget and other important matters
 - QR Code Pilot - Hold off on it
 - a) *Guest Speaker Aharon Grama*
 - b) Linktree – QR code that can change with time
 - i. Has digital shortcuts for all important places for campus community
 - CUNY saving targets
 - a) BC needs to have 7% reduction
 - i. Plan to be submitted to university in March
 - ii. Loss of enrollment will affect technology fee budget (\$800-900K less than in the past)
 1. Have 3 full time employees through STF
 2. A lot of technology fee is already accounted for
 3. STF – 8 students, 4 administrators, 4 faculty members
 - iii. University has strategic technology initiatives
 1. Fee not charged last 4-5 years
 2. Will charge starting next year