

BROOKLYN COLLEGE
POLICY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
December 13, 2023 Discussion
4:00pm, Gold Room, Student Center

Present: President Michelle J. Anderson, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Interim Provost April Bedford, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Dean Qing Hu, Interim Dean Philip Napoli, Dean Peter Talias, Professor Joseph Entin, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor James Lynch, Professor Tim Shortell, Professor Malka Simon, Professor Sophia Suarez, Noam Abrahams (USG), Shannon Dyett (USG), Carrie Ebbin (USG), Cynithia George (USG), Royta Iftakher (USG), Dylan Karlowski (USG), Darla Moise (USG), Yisroel Shulman (USG), Ajadah Simms (USG), Milada Sirota (USG), Abby Melbye (GSO).

Absent: Executive Legal Consul Sarah Luke, Interim Dean Stephanie Jensen-Moulton, Interim Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio, Associate Dean James Eaton, Professor Jillian Cavanaugh, Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Mona Hadler, Professor Patricia Antonello, Professor Brian Sowers, Nairobi Otero (GSO).

Non-voting: Sadiya Hoque, Taseen Islam (USG), Joan Joseph (USG), Jamie Jones, Elena Kalvar, Aharon Grama.

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
2. President Anderson briefly reviewed the College bylaws, emphasizing the addition of staff representation in all standing committee. Discussion ensued on including staff as a constituency in the Policy Council bylaws. Professor Tim Shortell and Professor Mobina Hashmi endorsed staff representation, highlighting its value. President Anderson suggested consulting PACS (Presidential Advisory Committee on Staff) for a proposal on integrating staff representation into Policy Council governance.
3. Carrie Ebbin (USG) conveyed student concerns regarding campus safety, particularly regarding public safety and NYPD. Ebbin addressed inconsistencies in ID checks for campus entry, student club concerns about NYPD presence, and guidelines for public safety at student events. President Anderson acknowledged the concerns and pledged to follow up with Campus Security and Public Safety Director Don Wenz and Vice President Ronald Jackson for guidelines.

4. Professor Joseph Entin praised student advocacy and suggested faculty representation, if the topic of public safety resurfaces. President Anderson mentioned the Security Review Committee, which has existing faculty representation. Dialogue followed.
5. Professor Hashmi cited examples of student concerns regarding club events and flyer postings across the campus, advocating for transparency and consistent policies. President Anderson assured uniform enforcement of the Campus Beautification Policy.
6. An extensive discussion followed regarding the ongoing protests and how students have reacted to them. President Anderson proposed reviewing the Henderson Rules in Policy Council.
7. Vice President Todd Michael Galitz emphasized showcasing each school's unique characteristics and the ongoing work of the Communications Office to support school based identity. Vice President Galitz suggested seeking input from Deans, Chairs, and individual schools. President Anderson agreed and tasked Interim Provost April Bedford and the Deans with continuing the dialogue to enhance school-based identity.
8. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.