

**BROOKLYN COLLEGE**  
**POLICY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the**  
**September 11, 2024 General Meeting**  
**5:00pm, Gold Room, Student Center**

**Present:** President Michelle J. Anderson, Provost April Bedford, Senior Vice President Alan Gilbert, Vice President Ronald Jackson, Vice President Todd Michael Galitz, Executive Legal Counsel Jaelyn Helms, Interim Dean James Lynch, Interim Dean Philip Napoli, Dean Maria Scharron-del Rio, Dean Peter Talias, Professor Karen McFadden, Professor Jillian Cavanaugh, Professor Joseph Entin, Professor Namulundah Florence, Professor Mona Hadler, Professor Mobina Hashmi, Professor Tim Shortell, Professor Malka Simon, Professor Sophia Suarez, Noam Abrahams (USG), Anna Belenko (USG), Carrie Ebbin (USG), Nitu Farhin (USG), Jaia Jones (USG), Dylan Karlowski (USG), Haritha Lakshmanan (USG), Doha Nemr (USG), Cyle Paul (USG), Jamie Jones (GSO), Pauline Rhoden (GSO).

**Absent:** Interim Dean Paula Massood, Professor Patricia Antonello Professor Douglas Cohen, Professor Beth Evans, Professor Brian Sowers, Taseen Islam (USG).

**Non-voting:** Sadiya Hoque, Shannon Dyett, Robert Echevarria.

1. President Michelle J. Anderson called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. President Anderson welcomed the group and shared updates on the Strategic Plan, enrollment, the Institute of Gender, Law, and Transformative Peace, the Presidential Advisory Committee on Staff (PACS) and the Audiology Program.
3. There was a go-around for introductions.
4. President Anderson confirmed Policy Council Executive Committee members, who were identified by each constituent groups: Executive Legal Counsel Jaelyn Helms, Professor Tim Shortell, Noam Abrahams (USG).
5. The charge and composition of Standing Committees were reviewed; each constituent group caucused to recruit committee members to serve on the various Standing Committees.
6. Dylan Karlowski (USG) was elected unanimously to serve as Secretary.
7. Professor Jillian Cavanaugh moved to approve April 17, 2024 minutes. Professor Tim Shortell seconded. Unanimously approved.

8. President Anderson introduced the Interim Events Protocol, which was reviewed by Faculty Council leadership, department chairs, the Council on Academic Policy (CAP), and Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government (USG/GSO). She emphasized that an events protocol should apply uniformly to faculty, staff, and external space rentals, and noted that future edits will ensure broader inclusion of the college community. President Anderson also highlighted that while time, place and manner restrictions nationally are stricter, the Brooklyn College protocol aligns with Henderson Rules and maintains neutrality. President Anderson opened the floor for feedback.
9. Professor Joseph Entin commended the Interim Events Protocol, echoing that it is less restrictive than policies at other campuses. He requested a review of student feedback and highlighted a discrepancy regarding public access between the Brooklyn College website and the protocol. President Anderson acknowledged the need for consistency between the website and the protocol and agreed that Noam Abrahams (USG) would provide the summary of the student feedback, which will be circulated to the body. A robust discussion followed.
10. President Anderson highlighted the upcoming Campus Survey and Utilization Study to be conducted by CUNY.
11. Executive Legal Counsel Helms requested feedback on recommendations for specific language to include in the revised protocol.
12. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

<b><u>COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>STUDENT</u></b>	<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>	<b><u>FACULTY</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF</u></b>	<b><u>CHARGE</u></b>
<b>Executive</b>	4	1 rep elected by the student constituency	President (chair) 1 rep elected by the administration constituency	1 rep elected by the faculty constituency		Shall act as a nominations committee and as a steering committee; prepare the agenda for Policy Council meetings; supervise the work of standing and ad hoc committees of Policy Council; and act for Policy Council in emergencies. Each academic year, the committee shall act as a nominations committee only after that year's election of members to the Executive Committee. In addition to recommendations from the Executive Committee for service on Policy Council committees, nominations from the floor shall always be appropriate.
<b>Governance and Policy</b>	7	2 reps the presidents of the student governments or their designees	2 reps named by the President	1 rep from Faculty Council Steering  1 rep from CAP Liaison Committee	1 rep	Shall serve as a screening committee for the Policy Council in matters involving governance and policy and shall make recommendations with respect to adjudication of conflicts or problems in the areas of governance and policy referred to the Policy Council. It shall serve as a supervisory body for the implementation of changes in governance.
<b>Faculty/ Student Relations</b>	8	3 reps the presidents of the student governments or their designees	1 rep appointed by the VP for Student Affairs to sit ex officio (chair)	3 reps	1 rep	Shall be charged with examining faculty-student relationships, including counseling, and with accepting related agenda items which may be proposed by any one of the constituencies. This committee shall meet as the need arises and report to council.
<b>Fiscal, Infrastructure &amp; Planning</b>	10	3 reps  presidents of the student governments or their designees	3 members: Senior VP for Finance & Administration  AVP for Budget & Finance  Associate Provost for Institutional Planning and Assessment	3 reps	1 rep	Shall advise on budgetary matters, the physical plant, and evaluation of current academic programs and structure of the College; and shall develop recommendations for Policy Council advisement to college bodies concerned with long range planning. The committee shall report to Policy Council periodically as the need arises.
<b>External Relations</b>	7	2 reps presidents of the student governments or their designees	President (chair) 1 other rep	2 reps	1 rep	Shall be charged with reviewing the working relationships of the college with all segments of the Brooklyn community and making suggestions for enhancing the image of the college within the borough. This committee shall meet as the need arises and report to council.

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**Standing Committees of  
Policy Council: 2024-2025**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Student Members</u>	<u>Faculty Members</u>	<u>Staff Members</u>	<u>Administration Members</u>
Executive (3)	Noam Abrahams	Tim Shortell	N/A	Jaclyn Helms
Governance and Policy (7)	Noam Abrahams  Taseen Islam	<i>CAP Liaison member</i>  Namulundah Florence	Aharon Grama Mandisa Washington - ALT	Jaclyn Helms  April Bedford
Faculty/Student Relations (8)	Dylan Karlowski  Doha Nemr Jonathan Colon	Mona Hadler  Jillian Cavanaugh Brian Sowers	Lisa Millsaps- Graham  Ariel Maguire - ALT	Maria Scharron del-Rio
Fiscal, Infrastructure and Planning (10)	Haritha Lakshmanan Jaia Jones Naomi Hymowitz	Joseph Entin Doug Cohen Patricia Antoniello	Charles Carr John Keenan - ALT	Alan Gilbert Michael Lanza Philip Napoli
External Relations (7)	Nitu Farhin Anna Belenko	Malka Simon Mobina Hashmi	Mohamed Tabrani Stalin Espinal - ALT	Michelle Anderson Todd Galitz

Term of Office:

Student members – Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Faculty members – Fall 2023 – Spring 2025

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