

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2011**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Members: President Simmons, Provost Schlissel, Russell Carey, Karen Davis, Margaret Klawunn, Dick Spies, Joan Wernig Sorensen, James Baird, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Thomas Lewis, Brad Marston, Alexander Sherry, Melina Packer, Matteo Riondato, Catharine Beattie, Sean DeBobes, Connie Livingston, Jill Rossi, Rebekah Eckstein Daniel Harrop, and Anita Louise Schell-Lambert were in attendance. Corey Brettschneider, Melani Cammett, Kiri Miller, Eric Suuberg, Corey Walker, Ralanda Nelsen, Michael Roh, Michelle Site, Michael Stewart, Anne-Caroline Sieffert, Audrey Butcher, Paul Magliocco, and David Sherry were unable to attend.

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

Provost Schlissel reported on the University Resources Committee (URC) process. The process begins with the current year's budget and then looks at revenue projections, fixed cost increases, commitments, funding requests, the salary pool, tuition, and financial aid. The revenue mix has remained the same over the past several years, even as revenue has grown. The University's sources of revenue include tuition and fees, endowment income, annual fundraising, indirect cost recovery, and sponsored funding. The largest percentage of revenue comes from tuition and fees. In January, the URC will submit its recommendations to President Simmons. The Corporation votes on the budget proposal at its February meeting.

Kevin McLaughlin, Dean of the Faculty, gave an update on the Center for Slavery and Justice. He began by reviewing the formation of a steering committee in 2003, which was charged with investigating and preparing a report about the University's historical relationship to slavery and the slave trade. The Committee presented its final report to President Simmons in October 2006. On February 24, 2007, the Brown Corporation endorsed a set of initiatives in response to the Committee's report. Among the set of initiatives was the creation of a center for continuing research on slavery and justice. While the ongoing search for a full-time director has delayed the formal establishment of the center, the infrastructure is being built through the work of a multidisciplinary group of faculty. The University hopes to hire a director by the end of this academic year.

Vice President for Public Affairs and University Relations Marisa Quinn updated the Council on relations with the City of Providence. In an effort to close a budget shortfall, the City is turning to tax-exempt entities for increased contributions. The University is currently making \$4 million per year in voluntary and property tax payments to the city. It also pays millions in sewer utility and water fees to the city. Brown makes a significant economic contribution as the 6<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Rhode Island – 1,400 of its 4,455 employees live in Providence. In addition, its students, faculty and staff are actively involved in the Providence public schools. The University is committed to identifying additional ways to support the city that align with its mission.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on February 28, 2012 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Kasper Multipurpose Room, Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Pincince, Secretary of the Brown University Community Council