

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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

The minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting were approved.

President Simmons gave an update on relations with the City of Providence, which, in an effort to close a budget shortfall is looking for increased payments from Brown. President Simmons is continuing to meet with Mayor Angel Tavaras and has met with Governor Lincoln Chafee. The University is committed to its support of the city, and any additional support, as the Corporation has stipulated, will be part of a transaction that ensures value to Brown. Vice President for Public Affairs and University Relations Marisa Quinn informed the Council that the University is currently making \$4 million per year in voluntary and property tax payments to the city. Brown also pays millions in sewer utility and water fees to the city, and provides its own police force.

Members of the Council and audience members raised concerns about the proposed fitness center fee for staff and faculty. The proposed fee is \$30 a month and will be used to cover the upkeep of the facility. A member of the Council expressed his concern about the rising cost of tuition and its impact on middle class families.

Rich Bova, Senior Associate Dean of Residential and Dining Services, gave an overview of the undergraduate housing program planned for the next two years. He outlined the goals of the program which include: improvement of living conditions; creation of new beds; transformation of first year and sophomore residential experience; address complaints about residential experience; and increase apartments and suites for junior and seniors. Renovations to 315 Thayer, Wayland, Keeney Quad, Miller, Metcalf, and Andrews will begin this summer. In the summer of 2013, renovations are scheduled to begin on Andrews Dining, Emery, Wooley, Morriss, Chaplin, Verney Woolley Dining, Perkins, Hope College, Hegeman, and Vartan Gregorian A.

Jo-Ann Conklin, Director, Bell Gallery, reviewed plans for the Slavery and Justice memorial. The Public Arts Committee, with a charge to commission a memorial that recognizes the University's ties to slave trading, selected sculptor Martin Puryear to design the memorial. The memorial is expected to be completed in 2014 and will be sited on the front green between Hope College and Carrie Tower.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on March 20, 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