

Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

The minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

Katherine Bergeron, Dean of the College, gave a presentation titled “Swearer Center: Looking Forward” which included an overview of the mission and goals of the Center and its next phase goals and priorities. The Swearer Center works to connect the capacities of the University and community and to address inequalities in our society and communities; create, share, and apply knowledge for the public good; and educate and prepare students for lives of effective action. Its goals are to establish deep and sustained partnerships within the community for significant and sustainable impact; to extend and deepen education through engaged scholarship; educate and prepare students for life after Brown; and for the University to advance knowledge and the public significance of that knowledge. The Center’s overall goals for its next phase are increased rigor and depth of learning and impact and increased engagement of broader university resources. Its next phase priorities include strengthened and sustained long-term community partnerships and enhanced curricular integration and research.

Dick Spies, Executive Vice President for Planning and Senior Advisor to the President, gave a retrospective of the Plan for Academic Enrichment. He reviewed the planning process which included students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and involved taking stock of Brown - its strengths and weaknesses. He also outlined the Plan and its ten strategic areas. The Plan was endorsed and approved by the Corporation in February 2004. Among the successes of the Plan for Academic Enrichment are: a full need blind admission policy for U.S. undergraduate students, the addition of a significant number of faculty positions, and increased support for Graduates students.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Granoff Center for the Creative Arts.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Pincince
Secretary of the Brown University Community Council