

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Members: President Paxson, Russell Carey, Margaret Klawunn, Marisa Quinn, Kim Roskiewicz, Bill Twaddell, Richard Bungiro, Linford Fisher, Thomas Lewis, Eric Suuberg, Alexander Krotow, Alexander Sherry, Anthony White, Sveta Milusheva, Jane Zhang, Catharine Beattie, Sean DeBobes, Beverly Larson, Connie Livingston, Jill Rossi, David Sherry, Rebekah Eckstein, and Dan DiPrete were in attendance. Provost Schlissel, James Baird, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Catherine Kerr, Brad Marston, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Roh, Melina Packer, Matteo Riondato, Julia Heneghan, and Anita Louise Schell-Lambert were unable to attend.

The minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

Jack Hayes, Director of Athletics and Recreation, gave an overview of his first 138 days since coming to Brown on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Hayes began by acknowledging that last year's Athletics Review had been a challenging time for the University but that Brown is now in a better place because of it. He remarked on the positive ways the new Fitness Center is connecting the Brown community to the Athletics campus. He reported that the Athletics department is committed to better integrating student-athletes into the larger campus community and is reviewing practice times, travel schedules and course choices. Mr. Hayes has taken several trips across the country to meet and connect with both athlete and non-athlete alumni. He has also been working on enhancing Brown's involvement with city and state. In addition to hosting the state high school championships in boys' and girls' track and field, Brown will host the boys' and girls' swimming, boys' and girls' ice hockey, and boys' and girls' lacrosse in the coming year. Recently, Mr. Hayes and the Athletics department hosted events to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX and recognize the historic period of growth for women's athletics.

Margaret Klawunn, Vice President for Campus Life & Student Services, Natalie Basil, Director of Residential Experience, and Maddy Jennewein '14, presented a proposal to extend gender-neutral as an option to incoming first-year students. It is proposed that on the housing questionnaire, incoming first-year students would have an option to elect standard (two roommates of same legal sex) or gender-neutral roommate assignment. Currently Brown's housing process places incoming first-year students based on legal sex. Students who do not identify within the gender binary must seek accommodations outside of the standard process. Gender-neutral housing has been offered to sophomore, junior, and senior students since 2008. The proposal has been reviewed and received positive feedback from several campus organizations and groups.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 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