

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 27, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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

Provost Schlissel chaired the meeting in President Paxson's absence.

The minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting were approved. Updates on the work of four of the six Strategic Planning Committees were given at the meeting.

Katherine Bergeron, Dean of the College, gave an update on the work of the Education Innovation Committee which will be building on the work done on undergraduate education over the past several years. Each meeting of the Committee has followed a seminar format with focus on one topic at a time. Topics discussed have included language study, public service, international education, and medical education.

Harriette Hemmasi, University Librarian, updated the Council on the work of the Online Teaching and Learning Committee. Overall the Committee is charged with exploring the current landscape and projecting future changes for which Brown needs to be prepared. Questions being looked at include: what are the characteristics of a successful learning environment; how will content be produced and delivered; what constitutes a course; and what if any responsibility does Brown have for open education.

Russell Carey, Executive Vice President for Planning and Policy, presented the activities of the Reimagining the Brown Campus & Community Committee. At the first few meetings the members of the Committee devoted time to educating themselves on previous building studies which will inform their work. The Committee is working with consultants from Sasaki Associates, retained by the University to help with master planning. Outreach is an important component of the campus planning process being undertaken. The Committee has hosted the first of a series of focus groups and several surveys are being conducted.

Kevin McLaughlin, Dean of the Faculty, provided an update on the actions of the Faculty Recruitment and Retention Committee. Areas of focus for the Committee include: faculty research infrastructure; recruitment of minority and woman scholars; career development; and salaries and benefits.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 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