

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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

The minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Brown Divest Coal Campaign members Trevor Culhane '15, Camilla Bustos '16, and Tammy Jiang '16 addressed the Council and urged the University to divest from the 10 largest coal-burning utilities and 5 largest coal-mining companies in the United States. The benchmarks are defined as any utility that produces more than 15,000 GwH from coal each year or any mining company that produces more than 50 million tons of coal each year. The Campaign believes that Brown should not be profiting from an industry as dangerous and outdated as coal, which devastates human health and the environment at each step in its life-cycle. There were questions from and discussion among members of the Council and audience members.

Chris Powell, Director of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Initiatives, Rod Beresford, Associate Provost, and Kai Morrell, Outreach Coordinator, Energy and Environmental Programs, gave an overview of the interim report of the Sustainability Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee. The Committee was convened by the Provost's office in the fall of 2012. It is charged with creating a draft proposal for a Sustainability Strategic Plan that expands upon the scope of current sustainability efforts and sets new goals for resource management, academic integration, community coordination, and community outreach. The following recommendations were included in the interim report: institute a proactive campus strategy that makes sustainability an overall priority; create formalized pathways for academic departments to connect to campus projects or each other; and develop metrics that accurately track progress towards achieving operational, academic, and personal impact goals.

Julia Heneghan, President, Medical Student Senate (MSS), reviewed the composition of the MSS, the student government organization for Brown's approximately 450 MD and MD/PhD students. It is comprised of an executive committee of four students, plus additional representatives from class years and a variety of admissions pathways. The organization has an annual budget of approximately \$25,000 which funds student activities, projects, social events, and services. The priorities of the MSS include: serve as a conduit between students and the medical administration; increase student-to-student mentoring; connect medical students to medical alumni; and widen campus engagement.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at Brown RISD Hillel, 80 Brown Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Pincince, Secretary of the Brown University Community Council