

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Wednesday October 16, 2013**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Members: President Paxson, Russell Carey, Margaret Klawunn, Marisa Quinn, Kim Roskiewicz, Richard Bungiro, Linford Fisher, Steven Lubar, Brad Marston, Vesna Mitrovic, Don Operario, Todd Harris, Alexander Krotow, Kiera Peltz, Alexander Sherry, Jonathan Vu, Heather Bennett, Sveta Milusheva, Sean DeBobes, Dawn Goodman, Julianne Hanavan, Connie Livingston, Jill Rossi, and Dan DiPrete were in attendance. Provost Schlissel, Paula McNamara, Cesario Bianchi, Catherine Kerr, Thomas Lewis, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Roh, Keila Davis, Honora Burnett, Jane Zhang, Beverly Larson, Emily Maranjian, Anita Louise Schell-Lambert, and Abbot Stranahan were unable to attend.

The minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting were approved.

Eve Ornstedt, Executive Director, Office of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, gave an update on planning for Brown's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The planning process has been collaborative with the participation of students, faculty, alumni, and staff. The celebration begins in early March 2014 in recognition of the signing of the University's charter and continues through Commencement/Reunion Weekend 2015. Planning is well underway for the opening celebration which includes 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Rhode Island visiting the campus for a day of academic exploration and discovery. There will also be a keynote address, student performances, exhibits, and cake. Throughout the entire celebration of Brown's 250 years of history there will be campus events, regional events, publications, films, and web/social media components. The 250<sup>th</sup> celebration will honor and reveal Brown's past, explore and discover the Brown of today and imagine Brown in the future.

Ruth Kohorn Rosenberg, University Ombudsperson, gave an overview of the Ombuds Office. The Ombuds Office provides an independent, confidential, neutral, and informal resource for faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows and associates, and graduate students who have concerns arising from or affecting their work and studies at Brown. Located on the third floor of Brown RISD Hillel, it is independent from any other office and reports directly to the President. In her role as Ombudsperson, Ms. Rosenberg listens, offers information about policies and procedures, helps people examine options for resolving concerns and conflicts. She also offers education and consultation and can serve as an informal mediator.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Brown RISD Hillel, 80 Brown St.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Pincince  
Secretary of the Brown University Community Council