

Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

The minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting were approved.

Russell Carey, Executive Vice President for Planning and Policy, discussed the interim report of the Committee on Reimagining the Brown Campus and Community. The work of the Committee has been guided by Brown's common values and executed in the context of the Brown Curriculum and the collaboration it encourages. From its work with consultants at Sasaki Associates and Payette and from the results of the faculty resources and myCampus surveys, the Committee has identified several recurring themes: a need for more flexible and accessible space; the constraints of houses for academic programs; the need for additional space for faculty and graduate students; and the importance of a vision for the Jewelry District and its connectivity to the Brown campus. Forthcoming studies from Sasaki Associates will provide additional information for the Committee to consider as it prepares its final recommendations.

Andrea Simmons, Advisory Committee on Childcare, Chair, began her presentation with a review of its charge. The Committee, formed in June 2012 after the closing of the Taft Avenue Daycare Center, was charged with: gathering information from the Brown community regarding childcare needs; determining the level of satisfaction with the benefits that Brown provides; comparing Brown's support for childcare needs with peer institutions; and developing a set of recommendations for how Brown might improve childcare and enhance the family-friendly nature of the community. Brown/Fox Point, YMCA/Hope Childcare Center, and Bright Futures Early Childhood Center at Meeting Street School are the three childcare centers currently affiliated with Brown. Respondents to the community survey conducted by the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the limited access to childcare close to campus, the misalignment with work responsibilities and hours that childcare is available, and the lack of easily accessible information on Brown's childcare policies and resources. Results from a survey of peer institutions revealed that Brown is not competitive in several areas of its support for childcare needs. Recommendations of the Committee include: establishing a fund to assist with childcare costs; appointing a Childcare Planning Board; developing and maintaining a comprehensive website; and changing course scheduling and faculty meeting times. President Paxson released her response to the Committee's recommendations on March 5, 2013.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Kasper Multipurpose Room, Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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