

**Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2013**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

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

The minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting were approved.

Matt Lyddon, President, Graduate Student Council (GSC), gave an overview of the GSC, reviewed its current advocacy priorities, and outlined new initiatives. The GSC is the student government organization for Ph.D. and Master's students responsible for appointing graduate student representatives to University committees and approving the operating budget. The executive board serves as a liaison with the graduate school, senior administration, and the Corporation. The Council's current priorities include increased funding, improved space, and greater campus engagement for graduate students. One of its recent initiatives is working with the Advancement Office to improve the connectivity with graduate alumni.

Anthony White, President, Undergraduate Council of Students (UCS), reviewed the composition of the UCS, the recent accomplishments of the general body, and the ongoing committee initiatives. The Council is comprised of representatives from all four class years. The external work of the UCS is divided between four committees: Academic and Administrative Affairs; Admissions and Student Services; Campus Life; and Student Activities. This year, the UCS general body collaborated with Strategic Planning committees, hosted a series of meals for President Paxson and undergraduate students, and passed resolutions in support of improvements to financial aid policy and protection of education funding. Among the ongoing initiatives of the committees are formalizing a feedback and evaluations system for faculty advisors, strengthening partnerships between alumni and students, and organizing a conference on leadership and diversity for public high school students.

Dean Edward Wing discussed the work of the Strategic Planning Committee on Faculty Recruitment, Career Development, and Retention. In January, the Committee submitted an interim report which resulted from a series of meetings held over approximately two months and in consultation with various offices and departments. The recommendations in the report fall into three general categories: increasing support for faculty research; implementing an aggressive integrated plan to diversify faculty; and enhancing compensation and recognizing continuous faculty excellence in research; teaching, and service.

Margaret Klawunn, Vice President for Campus Life and Student Services, led a review of Campus Life initiatives. The residential experience initiative is an ongoing process aimed at enhancing community development, addressing long-deferred maintenance needs, supporting study and advising and increasing accessibility. On March 28, the Parents and Families website will be launched. It is a joint effort of the offices of Campus Life, Dean of the College, and Advancement. The Office of Student Veterans and Commissioning Programs was established in January 2012. The recruitment and admission of veterans to Brown is a major focus of the Office. Improvements have been made in the area of student support and student development efforts.

During the open time at the end of the meeting, members of the Brown Divest Coal Campaign urged the University to divest from the fifteen largest coal companies in the United States.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 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