Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting Wednesday October 2, 2013 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

The minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting were approved.

Provost Schlissel reviewed and led a discussion of the draft Strategic Plan. The draft Strategic Plan has four components: integrative scholarship; educational leadership; academic excellence; and campus development. It focuses on seven thematic areas: cultivating creative expression; understanding the human brain; sustaining life on earth; creating peaceful, just and prosperous societies; exploring human experience; using science and technology to improve lives; and deciphering disease and improving population health. It includes enhancements to the open curriculum; utilization of educational technologies; support of data fluency as a learning goal; integrative approaches to engaged learning; and innovative graduate and medical education. The continued cultivation of a community of faculty, students, and staff with the diversity and breadth of experience required for excellence is included. The draft Strategic Plan calls for: responsible growth; attention to costs; recognition that philanthropy is necessary but not sufficient; development of new revenue streams; and flexible roll-out. The Brown Corporation will take action on the draft Strategic Plan at its October meeting.

Russell Carey, Executive Vice President for Planning and Policy, gave an update on plans for the Campus Safety Task Force which he chairs. The Campus Safety Task Force has been charged by the President to assess the campus safety resources the University currently has in place and determine and recommend areas for improvement. The Task Force, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, will meet regularly in the upcoming months. A report, with recommendations, will be delivered to the President no later than the end of this semester. Mr. Carey informed the Council of recent safety improvements including additional security personnel being posted at highly visible areas around campus and the launch of a pilot program to expand Brown on Call.

During the open time at the end of the meeting, a member of the audience commented that she is looking for transparency in Brown's investment strategy.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 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