

Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Sherri Nelson, Director of Psychological Services, discussed student mental health issues and gave an overview of psychological services provided at Brown. Anxiety, depression, stress, major depression, identity issues, and ADHD are among the mental health issues being confronted by today's college students. Brown provides students with seven in-office psychotherapy appointments per academic year. Referrals for local therapists are offered to students who have reached the appointment limit and wish to remain in therapy. Other services provided by Psychological Services include medication management, crisis intervention, and outreach. Ms. Nelson talked about some of the challenges being faced by her office: resource limitations, growing student body, session limits, and meeting diverse needs.

Julia Lynford '14 spoke briefly about Active Minds at Brown, a student organization focused on raising mental health awareness and removing the stigma that surrounds mental health disorders.

Andrew Simmons, Director of CareerLAB, reported on BrownConnect, a comprehensive internship program designed to strengthen students' academic experience and preparation for Life after Brown. Its goals are to: increase the number and breadth of summer internship opportunities; increase funding for students pursuing low-paying or unpaid internships; strengthen the connections between students and alumni for mentoring and career support; and develop state-of-the-art job board and networking technology. The internship program will be launched this summer through a pilot program.

Marisa Quinn, Vice President for Public Affairs and University Relations, gave a preview of the events planned for the 250th Opening Celebration on March 7-8.

Beppie Huidekoper, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, reviewed Brown's Vendor Code of Conduct which aligns with the University's commitment to conducting its business in a socially responsible manner consistent with its educational and public service mission. She also reported that procurement standards are being developed for the University.

Members of the Student Labor Alliance presented for the Council's consideration and approval, a resolution on the Renaissance Hotel boycott. The resolution calls for Brown to honor the worker called boycott. After discussion among its members, the Council decided not to vote on the resolution citing its lack of a full understanding of the issues related to the boycott.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at Brown RISD Hillel, 80 Brown St.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Pincince
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