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Brown University Community Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023
4:00 – 5:30 pm ET

Location: Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
Joukowsky Forum (Room 155)

Zoom Link in Calendar Invitation

<u>**AGENDA**</u>

1. Report of the President
    *President **Christina H. Paxson***

2. Panel Discussion on Community Engagement

    ● ***Mary Jo Callan:*** *Vice President for Community Engagement*
    ● ***Joi Danelle Whitehead***: *Director of DEI and Access, Pre-College and Undergraduate Programs*
    ● ***Patricia Poitevien**, Senior Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (BioMed)*
    ● ***Kelly Clifton,** Head of Library Community Engagement, University Library*

3. Open Time for University Community Members to Present Broad Campus Issues to the Council

Minutes of the Brown University Community Council (BUCC) Meeting
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Meeting Minutes

Present/Absent: President Paxson, Interim Provost Larson, Russell Carey, Sylvia Carey-Butler, Eric Estes, Cass Cliatt, David Buchta, Ainsley Lesure, Ruth Colwill, Leon Hilton, Nishant Shah, Dawn King, Robert Sobol, Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleave, Kayla Rosen, Denika Kao, John Lin

Joon Nam, Daniel Newgarden, Ricky Zhong, Joe Colleyshaw, Irene Ma, Kevin Logiudice, Kermshlise Picard, Elliot Rebello, Nicole Bonelli, Vilma Cortez Nicholas Green, Jennifer Maloney, Alex Vidmar, Stephanie Zielinski, William Acevedo, Aliya LeeKong, Naria Halliwell, Steve Owens, Beverly Ledbetter, Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor

Guest Panelists: Joi Danelle Whitehead, Patricia Poitivien, Mary Jo Callan, Kelly Clifton

President Paxson welcomes attendees and provides an overview of the **BUCC agenda**, which includes the president's report, an introduction of new BUCC members, and a panel discussion on community engagement. This is one of three panel-style conversations that the BUCC is adopting in the Spring of 2023.

In the President's report, **President Christina H. Paxson** discusses her three-fold priorities for the 2022-23 academic year, which include building academic strength, strengthening campus and community, and fostering economic sustainability and operational excellence. Paxson also talks about the values and contributions of higher education and national conversations about affirmative action and academic freedom. Paxson provides updates on other campus and city wide initiatives which include the college access program that Brown will begin for Providence youth, the growth of research at Brown, and negotiations with the City of Providence for a new PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement. Before introducing the speakers for the community engagement panel, Paxson gestures to the [Brown and Providence](#) websites which captures some of the myriad ways Brown engages with the city of Providence and the state of Rhode Island.

During the panel on community engagement, facilitated by BUCC secretary **Olugbenga Joseph**, guest panelists **Mary Jo Callan** (VP for Community Engagement, Executive Director of the Swearer Center), **Joi Danelle Whitehead** (Director of DEI and Access, Pre College and Undergraduate Programs) **Patricia Poitevien** (Senior Associate Dean for DEI, Division of Biology and Medicine) and **Kelly Clifton** (Head of Library Engagement, University Library) provided their diverse perspectives on, and experience with, community engagement efforts with the city of Providence. Panelists stressed the importance of working collaboratively across units to reduce redundancy and make Brown's engagement more legible for Providence partners, and the

deliberative nature of building trust between campus and community. Afterwards, the panelists answered questions from BUCC attendees on their particular and broader community engagement efforts.

Individuals interested in furthering exploring community engagement at Brown can contact panelists using the information below:
- **VP of Community Engagement, Swearer Center:** mary_jo_callan@brown.edu
- **Biology and Medicine**: patricia_poitevien@brown.edu, luckson_omoaregba@brown.edu
- **Pre-College and Undergraduate Programs**: joi-danelle_whitehead@brown.edu
- **University Library**: kelly_clifton@brown.edu

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Olugbenga Joseph
Brown University Community Council Secretary