Brown University Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
4:00 – 5:30 pm ET
Location: Friedman Hall (Room 102)

AGENDA

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

2.   Panel Discussion on Community Relations on College Hill
       Katie Silberman, *Director of Community Relations, Office of Government and Community Relations*
       Brenda Ice, *Senior Associate Dean & Senior Director of Residential Life*
       Rodney Chatman, *Vice President for Campus Safety*
       Matthew Rauschenbach '23*, Bonner Community Fellow*

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

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: Rodney Chatman, Katie Silberman, Brenda Ice, Matthew Rauschenbach

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

In the President's report, **President Christina H. Paxson** provides participants with critical campuswide updates which include the following; construction of the integrated Life Sciences Building, approval of the Data Science Institute, ongoing academic innovation and transformation of the CareerLAB; and the vote for unionization by the undergraduate teaching assistants in computer science. President Paxson also provides updates on the College Access Program for Providence students, as well as Brown's current negotiations with the city of Providence, including a new memorandum of understanding. Before commencing the panel on community relations, Paxson provides

During the panel on community relations, facilitated by BUCC secretary **Olugbenga Joseph**, guest panelists **Katie Silberman** (Director of Community Relations, Office of Government and Community Relations) **Brenda Ice** (Senior Associate Dean & Senior Director of Residential Life) **Rodney Chatman** (Vice President for Campus Safety) and **Matthew Rauschenbach '23** (Bonner Community Fellow) provided their diverse perspectives on, and experience with, community relations efforts with the city of Providence.

During the discussion, panelists discussed the importance of building reciprocal relationships with the Providence community, understanding the ways in which Brown's presence is felt, and fostering more

opportunities for Brown students to be a "good neighbor". Highlighted examples of community relations include Brown's sponsoring of a full-lighting of WaterFire in the Fall of 2023, the Good Neighbor Program through ResLife that educates undergraduate students to live off campus, utilizing monthly newsletters and social media to improve reach. Panelists also talked about challenges to community relations as well, citing the importance of making the "knowing" and the "doing" of engaging with Brown more legible for Providence and the broader community.

The next meeting of the Brown University Community Council will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Olugbenga Joseph
Brown University Community Council Secretary