



# BROWN

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Dear Members of the Brown Community,

The Corporation of Brown University has just completed its May meeting and I write to inform you of actions taken at the meetings.

Members of the Corporation heard presentations from and engaged in a discussion with Governor Lincoln Chafee '75 and Mayor Angel Taveras regarding the challenges and opportunities currently facing the state and the city, as well as the issues of strategic growth and the prospects of developing a thriving knowledge economy in the Jewelry District. The Corporation expressed to the Governor and the Mayor a desire for the University to play a continuing important role in building the local economy. They stressed that this should be done in a manner consistent with our mission of teaching and research.

## **FORWARD PLANNING**

The Corporation received reports from its Committees on Academic Affairs and Budget & Finance regarding the status of initiatives and academic programs underway, preliminary planning frameworks for next year and beyond, and the current year budget. While challenges remain as the University and the nation continue to adapt to the impact of the economic crisis, the position of the University remains strong. Members of the Corporation expressed appreciation and gratitude for the work of faculty, students, and staff toward the goals of the Plan for Academic Enrichment.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The Committee on Facilities & Design reviewed reports on the progress of ongoing capital projects and planning, including residence hall renovations and academic facility improvements. The Committee recommended the repurposing and renovation of Hunter Laboratory, which will become vacant upon the completion of the ongoing Metcalf renovation for Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences. A sub-committee reported on architect selection for the project.

## **ATHLETICS**

As indicated in my April 29 [letter](#) to the community regarding the review of Athletics, the Corporation did not plan to take any action on the status of specific teams at this meeting. The Committee on Campus Life provided the Corporation with an informational update regarding the status of discussions

which have taken place on campus since the release of the preliminary report of the Athletics Review Committee. The Corporation plans to return to the discussion of Athletics at its October meeting.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT**

Thursday evening members of the Corporation joined alumni leaders, volunteers, faculty, students, staff and others to celebrate the successful conclusion of Boldly Brown: Campaign for Academic Enrichment, which raised \$1.61 billion, 115 percent of its goal. The ceremony paid special tribute to all of the volunteer leaders, and especially Campaign Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Z. Chace '59 PHB'96 hon., GP'13; Matthew J. Mallow '64 LHD '08 hon., P'02; and Jerome C. Vascellaro '74, P'07, and Honorary Chairs Chancellor *emeritus* Artemis A.W. Joukowsky '55, LL.D. '85, P'87 and H. Anthony Ittleson '60, L.H.D. '98, P'89, P'90 for their superb leadership of this effort.

### **ELECTION OF FELLOW AND TRUSTEES AND OTHER ACTIONS**

The Corporation elected one new Fellow: Jonathan M. Nelson '77 P'07 P'09; and seven new Trustees: Robert J. Carney '61, Cathy Frank Halstead, John Hannan P'10 P'14 P'14, Kevin Mundt '76 P'11, Steven Price '84, Jasmine Waddell '99, and Lauren Zalaznick '84. Brief biographical notes on the new Fellow and Trustees are available [online](#). Upon recommendation from the Nominating Committee, and after a review and consultation process involving all members of the Trustees and Fellows, the Corporation voted to reappoint Treasurer Alison S. Ressler '80 P'09 P'10 P'13 and Secretary Donald C. Hood PhD '70 to second three-year terms in their respective offices, through June 30, 2014. The officers of the Corporation may serve up to three three-year terms in their positions.

The Corporation approved the appointment of the following faculty to named chairs, effective July 1, 2011:

- Richard Bennett, Manning Assistant Professor of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology;
- Christopher Born, Intrepid Heroes Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery;
- Mark Cladis, Brooke Russell Astor Professor of the Humanities;
- Mark Dean, Stephen Robert Assistant Professor of Economics;
- Erika Edwards, Richard and Edna Solomon Assistant Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology;
- Brian Evenson, Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence and Professor of Literary Arts;
- Pradeep Guduru, James R. Rice Associate Professor of Engineering;
- Meredith Hastings, Joukowsky Family Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences;
- Nancy Khalek, William A. Dyer Jr. Assistant Professor of the Humanities;
- Eric Renault, C.V. Starr Professor of Economics;
- Timmons Roberts, Ittleson Professor of Environmental Studies;
- John Savage, An Wang Professor of Computer Science;
- Derek Stein, Manning Assistant Professor of Physics;
- Ashutosh Varshney, Sol Goldman Charitable Trust Professor of International Studies and the Social Sciences;
- Matthew Zimmt, Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence and Professor of Chemistry;
- Brian Zink, Frances Weeden Gibson-Edward A. Iannuccilli, MD, Professor in Emergency Medicine.

The Board of Fellows approved the recommendation of the faculty with regard to the candidates for baccalaureate and advanced degrees, to be awarded at Commencement on Sunday, May 29.

The Corporation also endorsed resolutions of appreciation for three senior administrators who are ending their respective terms in office this year: Provost David Kertzer, Dean of the Faculty Rajiv Vohra, and Interim Dean of Engineering Rodney Clifton.

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF ENDOWED POSITIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND NAMING OF SPACES**

The Corporation established endowed positions, accepted a number of gifts totaling more than \$18.5 million and, in recognition of a gift received, named a space. These included the following:

- The University Directorship of the Brown Institute for Brain Science (BIBS), established with support from anonymous donors.
- The Bruce Elliot Donovan '59 Dean for Issues of Chemical Dependency, established with the support of significant gifts from many donors in recognition of the many years of service of Bruce Elliot Donovan '59.
- From parents who wish to remain anonymous, a gift of \$6,000,000 for the Brown-India Research Initiative, which will focus on contemporary issues of urbanization, the environment, and governance.
- From parents who wish to remain anonymous, a gift of \$5,000,000 to endow the Dean of the School of Engineering.
- From an anonymous foundation, a gift of \$3,000,000 for the Dean of the College Initiatives.
- From the Estate of Frederick Lippitt, a bequest of \$1,570,840 for the Sheridan Center Endowment.
- From Fellow and Chancellor *Emeritus* Stephen Robert '62, P'91, a gift of \$1,000,000 for the Student Activities Fees Endowment.
- From RIH Orthopedic Foundation, a gift of \$1,000,000 for the Medical Education Building, in honor of the career and leadership of Michael G. Ehrlich, M.D.
- From anonymous parents, a gift of \$1,000,000, pending designation.
- In recognition of a gift from Lisa M. MacDougald '87, P'14 and Joseph A. MacDougald, Esq., '87, P'14, the second floor library of the Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences at Metcalf Laboratory shall be named the Joseph Allan MacDougald '87 and Lisa Cohen MacDougald '87 Family Library.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Corporation acknowledged the significant accomplishments of members of the Brown Community throughout this past academic year and expressed gratitude for all that you do for Brown.

Sincerely,

Ruth J. Simmons

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