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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.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND POLICY

The Corporation approved the recommendation of the faculty that Brown University create a School of Engineering, effective July 1, 2010. Establishing the School of Engineering underscores the University's commitment to educating students and future scholars and leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines; ensures that we will continue to attract excellent faculty and students in engineering; and will create critical mass in key areas within engineering, while building on existing strengths. The new School of Engineering is also responsive to student interests; engineering was the most popular intended concentration among newly admitted members of the class of 2014.

The Corporation also approved the recommendation of the faculty that the charge of the Tenure, Promotions and Appointments Committee (TPAC) be amended to provide an opportunity for the Provost to comment on the Nominations Committee's list of proposed TPAC nominees and to make his or her own suggestions of additional names. This recommendation emanated from the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Faculty Development, and was the motion passed by the Faculty at their May 4th meeting. At its meeting Friday, the Corporation heard a report from its Academic Affairs Committee, which had met with the faculty members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Faculty Development. Conscious of its ultimate responsibility for the granting of tenure, the Corporation expressed its support for continued efforts by the faculty and the administration to ensure that the University's promotion and tenure processes uphold standards of excellence appropriate to a leading university.

BUDGET & FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee of the Corporation reviewed the status of the University's budget and the progress we have made on realigning our financial plan to address the impact of the global economic crisis. To balance our budget, the Brown community has worked together to achieve more than \$70 million in adjustments to our financial plans, including more than \$40

million of expense reductions and \$30 million of revenue enhancements, and the Corporation expressed deep appreciation for that work. The last eighteen months have been difficult for our community, but we have met this challenge thoughtfully and constructively, and positioned the University to continue to support our core academic priorities. We anticipate that the University will end this year very close to break even, and we have effectively eliminated the base budget shortfall in future years. The Corporation discussed, nevertheless, the fact that our resources will remain constrained for some time. They therefore encouraged us to develop future plans that target growth in areas that will generate incremental revenue to fund important priorities.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Budget & Finance Committee of the Corporation approved the start of construction of the Metcalf renovation project for Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences. Work will begin immediately, and is anticipated to be complete in January 2012. Members of the Corporation also participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Nelson Fitness Center and Katherine Moran Coleman Aquatics Center, with the new facility expected to be complete in January 2012 and the exterior quadrangle later that Spring.

FORWARD PLANNING

In a number of meetings, the Corporation discussed various matters related to forward planning. These included a discussion among members of the Advancement Committee of the plans and trends with regard to external and internet communications, including the ongoing redesign of the Brown homepage. Members of the Budget & Finance Committee reviewed the University's draft capital plan and held a discussion of campus efforts which will be underway in the fall to consider alternatives for improving revenue in the coming years. Members of the Facilities & Design Committee received an update regarding how the University may accommodate future growth of academic programs. Finally, the Corporation as a whole heard reports from the Provost on admission results in the College, Graduate School and Alpert Medical School, and engaged in a discussion with faculty regarding research and teaching in Engineering and related sciences.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND TRUSTEES AND OTHER ACTIONS

The Corporation elected three new Fellows: Laura Geller '71, Peter Voss '68, and Chuck Royce '61; and six new Trustees: Andrea Baum '83, Tanya Godrej Dubash '91, Brian Moynihan '81, Eric Rodriguez '08, Barry Sternlicht '82, and Nancy Zimmerman '85. Eric Rodriguez joins Lauren Kolodny '08 as the second Young Alumnus Trustee, following the creation of that position by the Corporation last year. Further information about the Corporation is available at: <http://brown.edu/web/corp/>. Brief biographical notes on the new Fellows and Trustees are available online at: <http://news.brown.edu/pressreleases/2010/05/corp>.

The Corporation ratified endowed professorships and a directorship established by its Advisory and Executive Committee:

- Three Chancellor's Professorships, established with support from Chancellor Thomas J. Tisch.
- The Sigal Family Professorship in Humanistic Medicine, a clinical professorship in oncology.
- The Frederic M. Alper Directorship of Financial Aid, created with a gift from Frederic M. Alper, a 1960 Brown graduate, parent, and trustee *emeritus*.

Changes to the Code of Student Conduct as recommended by the Committee on Campus Life were approved. The proposed changes had resulted from a routine review of the University's procedures, and extensive consultation and discussion with students, faculty and staff, including a presentation to the Brown University Community Council earlier this semester.

The Corporation approved the appointment of the following faculty to named chairs, effective July 1, 2010:

- Lundy Braun, Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence and Professor of Medical Science and Africana Studies;
- Timothy Flanigan, Dean's Professor of Medical Science;
- Braden Fleming, Lucy Lippitt Professor of Orthopaedics in the Research Scholar Track;
- Lina Fruzzetti, Royce Family Professor in Teaching Excellence and Professor of Anthropology;
- Forrest Gander, Adele Kellenberg Seaver '49 Professor of Creative Writing;
- Constantine Gatsonis, Henry Ledyard Goddard University Professor of Medical Science;
- Gerald Guralnik, Chancellor's Professor of Physics;
- Cindy Schwartz, Alan G. Hassenfeld Professor of Pediatrics in the Teaching Scholar Track;
- Richard Schwartz, Chancellor's Professor of Mathematics;
- Fred Schiffman, Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine and Professor of Medicine in the Teaching Scholar Track;
- William Warren, Chancellor's Professor of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences;
- Casey Dunn, Manning Assistant Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology;
- Jacques Khalip, Robert Gale Noyes Assistant Professor of the Humanities;
- Jessaca Leinaweaver, Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professor of Anthropology;
- Kiri Miller, Manning Assistant Professor of Music;
- Rashid Zia, Manning Assistant Professor of Engineering.

The Corporation also endorsed resolutions of appreciation for three senior administrators who are ending their respective terms in office this year: Dean of the Graduate School Sheila Bonde, Senior Vice President for University Advancement Ronald Vanden Dorpel, and Deputy Provost Vince Tompkins.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND NAMING OF SPACES

Consistent with these priorities and the ongoing work of the Campaign for Academic Enrichment, the Corporation accepted and ratified a number of gifts this week totaling \$15.5 million and, in recognition of gifts received, named a number of spaces. These included the following gifts:

- From Parents who wish to remain anonymous, a gift of \$2,500,000 for an endowed president's opportunity fund.
- From a Trustee, a gift of \$1,540,000; \$1,000,000 of which is for the renovation of Metcalf Laboratory and \$540,000 of which is for the Brown Annual Fund.
- From the Ittleson Foundation, a gift of \$1,500,000 for green and sustainable initiatives campus-wide.
- From the Estate of Mrs. Frances Weeden Gibson '45, P'58, a bequest of \$1,500,000; \$750,000 of which is for the permanent endowment of the Alpert Medical School and \$750,000 of which is for the University's general endowment.
- From Trustee William P. Wood '78, a gift of \$1,000,000 for the Brown Annual Fund.
- From the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a gift of \$1,000,000 to augment and improve undergraduate science education, and in particular to create a new summer research program and three new science courses.
- From Susan H. Buffum '74, a gift of \$1,642,815 for an endowed scholarship fund.
- From the family of the late Phyllis and Irving Sigal (Andrew Sigal, Jamie Sigal Manville, Susan Sigal Bazar, and Steven Sigal), a gift of \$1,500,000 to create an endowed clinical professorship in oncology to be known as an endowed professorship in Humanistic Medicine. (In accordance with the University's practice in creating endowed clinical professorships, the Sigal family has also contributed \$1,500,000 to Miriam Hospital, where the incumbent will practice oncology.)
- From Mrs. Marjean A. Ingalls '52, a gift of \$1,351,808 for an endowed scholarship fund.
- From The Champlin Foundations, a gift of \$1,000,000 for the library of the Medical Education Building.
- From parents, a gift of \$1,000,000; \$700,000 of which is for the Stephen Robert '62 Campus Center and \$300,000 of which is for the Brown Annual Fund.

The Corporation also named the following spaces in and around the Nelson Fitness Center and the Katherine Moran Coleman Aquatics Center:

- The new Athletics Quadrangle will be named The Ittleson Quadrangle, in honor of H. Anthony Ittleson '60 LHD '98 hon., P'89, P'90.
- The multipurpose fitness area in the Nelson Fitness Center will be named the Fredric B. Garonzik '64 Multipurpose Fitness Area.
- The new Varsity Strength and Conditioning Center will be named The David J. Zucconi '55 Varsity Strength and Conditioning Center, in recognition of a gift from Trustee *Emeritus* and Mrs. Daniel S. O'Connell '76, P'05, P'13.
- The fitness room in the Nelson Fitness Center will be named the Richard C. Barker '57, Jessica J. Barker '03, and Rebecca R. Barker '05 Fitness Room.
- The seating pavilion in the Katherine Moran Coleman Aquatics Center will be named the James J. Burke '73 Seating Pavilion.
- The Café in the Nelson Fitness Center will be named, in recognition of a gift from Thomas J. Gahan '84, P'12, in honor of Mr. Gahan's father, James "Poppy" Gahan, P'84, GP'12.

CONCLUSION

Members of the Corporation expressed respect and appreciation for the ongoing efforts to meet the challenges of the economic crisis and the continued accomplishments of faculty, students and staff toward the goals of the Plan for Academic Enrichment.

Thank you for your many efforts over the year.

Sincerely,

Ruth J. Simmons