

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Minutes of Faculty Meeting— May 2, 2006

President Simmons called the meeting to order at about 4:02 PM. The customary motion that the meeting stand adjourned no later than 6:00 PM was made, seconded, and passed. The minutes from the April 4, 2006 Faculty Meeting were approved, with some minor editorial changes.

Prof. Hawrot presented a Memorial Minute for Robert Parks, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology and Biotechnology. The minute is attached and will be entered into the permanent records of the Faculty and copies sent to members of the immediate family.

President Simmons reported to the Faculty. She said preparations are being made for the May Corporation meeting. Several faculty members will be involved with the meeting. Honorary degrees will be conferred on eight persons at the 2006 Commencement—the list was available at the meeting. Each recipient will give an address or be part of a Commencement Forum. Senator Claiborne Pell will receive the Rosenberger medal. The President gave an update on various high level searches; we are getting close. In regard to the Provost search, she is pleased that a strong pool of candidates has been located within the Brown faculty and administration. The searches for the Dean of the College and the Vice President for Research are well along. The final decision will be made after a Provost has been selected. We are now recruiting a director for the Watson Center. She then reported on the Campaign. People tend to wait until the very last minute to send their gifts to the Annual Fund so a final report for the year cannot be made now. Two regional kick off events have been held since the last faculty meeting. She is surprised still to hear gasps from the audience when the goal of \$1.4 Billion is announced. The President is meeting with a subcommittee of the UCS about a non-credit academic experience during the winter break. Many students and parents seem to feel the break is too long. She acknowledged the hard work of the FEC and other committee members. She is very pleased when she compares similar efforts at other campuses with the committee structure at Brown. She also thanked senior administrators who were leaving their posts this year—Paul Armstrong, Andy van Dam, and Bob Zimmer. The work of all three was applauded. No questions were asked of the President.

Vice President Spies described capital projects now underway. The principles guiding this effort are:

- 1) Develop a circulation structure fostering community
- 2) Consolidate the core
- 3) Move beyond College Hill

He described several projects. The Life Science Building is expected to be completed in August 2006. It is 2% above budget. It meets LEEP, an external standard for environmental design in terms of energy usage. He also discussed 121 South Main Street, the Friedman Study Center, the Grant/Fulton Recital Hall, Sidney Frank Hall, The Walk, Pembroke Hall renovations, the Creative Arts Building—to be placed near The Walk on Waterman Street, and renovations to the utility system. Registrar Pesta asked about parking—present parking spaces will be reassigned, with parking spaces for students located away from campus. Prof. Sibulkin asked about the

recital hall in Sidney Frank Hall. It will have 220 seats and small stage suitable, for example, for chamber music but not a full orchestra. Mr. Patterson asked about the age of the heating system—much of it was built in the 1960's. Prof. Emigh asked about upgrading Alumnae Hall—a good idea but not high enough priority for the present list. A question was asked about the capacity of our present heating and electrical plant—it is sufficient for the new loads.

Before the Provost reported, the President reminded the Faculty that this was his last report to a Faculty Meeting. The Provost said he would highlight some general challenges for the coming years. One challenge is faculty hiring. Four principles are part of the hiring framework: strengthening departments within reach of national prominence, clustering of appointments around multidisciplinary initiatives through which Brown could make a significant contribution, increasing the diversity of the faculty, and recruiting strong faculty members who are institution builders. We have been successful in our hiring so far. One challenge is that the full implementation is not completed. The effort must be nurtured if it is to be sustained. The second challenge is to maintain the breadth of departmental ambitions—continue the commitment of departments to excellence in their appointments.

A second challenge is institutional partnerships. Brown has functioning partnerships with Trinity Rep and MBL. Both are successful but ongoing attention needs to be paid to both to assure continued success. We have made progress with our relationship with the hospitals, particularly Rhode Island Hospital and Lifespan but much more needs to be done. Our relationship with RISD has always been complex. Both institutions are working hard to find the right structure but such remains a challenge. We are also far along on a partnership with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This relationship has the potential to be as successful as that with Trinity or MBL.

The third challenge concerns educational programs. It is easy to be complacent about the undergraduate education we offer as it has been successful and is nationally visible. Complacency would be a serious mistake. Careful scrutiny and unfettered imagination would be profitable. We must have the will to question ourselves. While much has been accomplished in making us financially competitive with our peers in supporting graduate students, the competitive environment is intense. A new program, pending Corporation approval, provides for joint graduate training in math and applied math with the University of Paris VI. This and the partnerships listed will offer new and exciting opportunities but we will need to give ongoing attention to improving the quality of graduate education. The medical school curriculum has been in need of significant reform for some time and the school has undertaken a nearly all-encompassing review. Carrying this review to completion is an important challenge.

The Provost closed on a somewhat more personal note. He said he had a wonderful four years at Brown both personally and professionally. He thanked the faculty for their friendship, support, hard work, and for how enjoyable they have made the expression of our mutual commitment to excellence at Brown.

Prof. Pelcovits spoke for the FEC. The Search Committee for the Ombudsperson has forwarded its report to the President. He reviewed a list of To Do items for the next FEC. These are: benefits for research faculty—information is being gathered, review the now three year old committee structure—some tweaking has already been done, analyze the COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) survey of junior faculty, and

enhanced leave policy. Prof. Pelcovits noted a gathering for FEC members and other committee members to thank them for their work. He gave especial thanks to Prof. Bossy. He observed that the FEC serves as a conduit between the faculty and the administration. He urged that the faculty keep the letters and cards coming but address them to Ann.Dill@brown.edu. He thanked the administration for their collegial manner and wished Bob Zimmer well. He stated that he and his fellow officers had been very fortunate to have Cheryl Moreau supporting them. She has a fantastic institutional memory and is totally dedicated to the work of the FEC and faculty governance in general.

Prof. Bossy commended the devoted work of Bob Pelcovits and Ann Dill. He spoke of Bob's very effective advocacy for the faculty and his strong leadership. President Simmons reinforced the expression of gratitude to Prof. Pelcovits.

Prof. Carpenter then moved the motion on the agenda supporting the establishment of an AIDS Center at Brown. The full text of the motion is:

MOTION: The Faculty acknowledges receipt of the report from the Academic Priorities Committee supporting the establishment of a Brown University AIDS Center (BAC). The Faculty recommends to the President and Board of Fellows the establishment of a Brown University AIDS Center.

No questions were asked and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Prof. Spoehr presented the Report of the Committee on Nominations

NOMINATIONS RECOMMENDED TO THE FACULTY FOR OFFICER AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Appointments to be effective July 1, 2006):

FACULTY PARLIAMENTARIAN

Peter D. Richardson (Engineering) to June 30, 2007.

SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Barrett Hazeltine (Engineering) to June 30, 2007.

CHAIR OF THE FACULTY FORUM

Thomas Banchoff (Mathematics) to June 30, 2007.

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING

Julie Kauer (Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology & Biotechnology) replacing Selim Suner (Surgery) to June 30, 2009

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN INVESTMENT POLICIES

Stephen Houston (Anthropology) replacing Louis Putterman (Economics) to June 30, 2009

Harold Ward (Environmental Studies) replacing Glen Loury (Economics) to June 30, 2007

COMMITTEE ON COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Nancy Dunbar (Theatre) continuing to serve to June 30, 2009

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Paul Williard (Chemistry) replacing Joseph Steim (Chemistry) to June 30, 2009

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Kristin Maki (Psychiatry & Human Behavior) replacing Catherine Dube
(Community Health) to June 30, 2009

Ian Dell'Antonio (Physics) replacing Timothy Herbert (Geological Sciences) to
June 30, 2009

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Onesimo Almeida (Portuguese & Brazilian Studies) replacing Philip Gould
(English) to June 30, 2009

Marida Hollos (Anthropology) replacing Dennis Hogan (Sociology) to
June 30, 2009

Jeffrey Morgan (Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology & Biotechnology)
replacing Julie Sedivy (Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences) to June 30, 2009

COMMITTEE ON THE ACADEMIC CODE

Beth Taylor (English) replacing Virginia Krause (French Studies) to
June 30, 2009

Gregory Elliott (Sociology) replacing Leo Depuydt (Egyptology) to
June 30, 2009

FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lundy Braun (Pathology) replacing Albert Dahlberg (MCB, on leave) to
December 31, 2006

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY IN HIRING

Claire Kenyon (Computer Science) replacing Janet Blume (Engineering, on
leave) to June 30, 2007.

No further nominations were made. The slate was elected on voice vote.

The report of the Campus Planning Advisory Board, which had been distributed with the agenda, was presented by Prof. Hamburg. The report built on the earlier presentation by Vice President Spies. The University's institutional master plan has been presented to the city. Among the items reviewed by Prof. Hamburg were the proposed closing of Olive Street, streetscape improvements—tree planting will be piggy-backed on the utility renovations, improvements to Thayer Street, easing of faculty and staff parking by not having student parking in the Power Street structure, adjustments of the traffic light timing that will improve traffic flow in the Thayer Street area.

The report of the Research Advisory Board, which had been distributed with the agenda, was presented by Prof. Hurt. He noted that this was the first report by the Board because it had been

formed just this year. Prof. Hurt reviewed the work of the Office of the Vice President for Research, which includes oversight of grants and contracts, intellectual property issues, seed grants for junior faculty, proposal support, and establishment of a new web site. Prof. Hurt urged all faculty members to list their scholarly activities on that site. No questions were asked of Prof. Hurt.

Vice President van Dam commented on the effectiveness of Brown's representation at a meeting of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. President Simmons commented on how much fun it was having Andy van Dam in the senior administration. He preserved his independence and quirkiness while serving.

No old business existed and no new business was brought before the Faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrett Hazeltine
Secretary of the Faculty

Robert E. Parks Jr. - Memorial Minute at Faculty Meeting

May 2, 2006

On February 27, 2006, Robert E. Parks Jr., our esteemed colleague and one of the founders of the Medical Program at Brown University passed away. Bob Parks, born in Glendale NY, received his A.B. degree from Brown in 1943, and went on to Harvard Medical School to earn, in 1945, his M.D.

After service as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, Bob decided to pursue basic research in the then newly emerging area of Biochemical Pharmacology. From 1948 to 1951, he was a Research Associate with G.W. Kidder in the Biological Laboratory at Amherst College. After this work was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 1950, he moved in 1951 to the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin. There he was Postdoctoral Fellow of the American Cancer Society and carried out his Ph.D. thesis research with H.A. Lardy in the pre-eminent Institute for Enzyme Research. In 1954 he joined the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Wisconsin as an Assistant Professor. His research continued to be supported by the American Cancer Society, and during this time he was a Scholar in Science of the John and Mary Markle Foundation. Bob moved up through the ranks at Wisconsin where he was promoted to Professor of Pharmacology in 1961 and Acting Chair in 1962.

In 1963, Bob moved to the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University as Professor and Chair of the Section of Biochemical Pharmacology and just the third faculty to be recruited into the emerging Program in Medicine. He brought with him from Wisconsin two talented and newly minted MD/PhDs, Sungman Cha and Ralph Miech, who together formed the core of the Section of Biochemical Pharmacology. Bob played an important role in the design of the Medical Program curriculum, and in addition to teaching the pharmacology course to medical students; he organized the first course in Cancer Biology at Brown University. Few know that Bob also played a major role in obtaining the federal funds that supported the construction of the BioMedical Center and the adjoining Animal Care Facility. In 1988, Bob was awarded the Esther Elizabeth Brintzenhoff Professorship of Medical Sciences. In 1991, Bob became Professor Emeritus, and at a special symposium held that year in his honor, many of his colleagues and former students joined in celebrating his life's work. The participants included 1988 Nobel Laureates George Hitchings Jr. and Gertrude Belle Elion.

Over his career Bob Parks developed an international reputation in the field of cancer chemotherapy with his work on the building blocks of DNA. So much so, that in 1985, Bob Parks was invited to write the defining chapter on Chemotherapy of Neoplastic Diseases in the major medical textbook on pharmacological therapeutics. He was among the first to show that chemical analogs of the naturally occurring DNA building blocks, known as purines and pyrimidines, could become incorporated into the DNA of rapidly growing cells, and thus could block further growth. His insights contributed to advances in the fundamental knowledge of the mechanism of action of these so-called antimetabolite drugs, and ultimately have led to the development of related drugs with anti-viral actions including many of the anti-HIV drugs used so successfully today. His research accomplishments together with his reputation as a thoughtful and caring

mentor and friend attracted many bright post-doctoral researchers and doctoral candidates to work under him in his laboratory at Brown University. His students, now eminent researchers in their own right, carry on Bob's valiant fight against cancer.

Madam President, I move that the Faculty adopt this Minute by a standing vote of respect, and that the Secretary of the Faculty be instructed to enter the Minute into the permanent records of the Faculty and to send copies of it to members of the immediate family.

Edward Hawrot