President’s Staff Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Sciences Library, Room 315

Present: Michelle Adam, Carlen Adler, Laurinda Custodio, Paul Deissler, Mona Delgado, Geralyn Ducady, Terry Durkee, Bill Gaudet, Osiris Gonzales, Jennifer Hadden, Phyliss Harris, Jessica Hodgdon, Heather Hower, Chair, Ashley Lundh, Wendy McRae-Owoeye, Diane Ricci, Leslie Stroller, Leslie Uhnak.
Absent: Renee Bolden, Karen Davis, Heather Goode, Carrie Honeman, Jenna Legault, Anika Profit, Christine Sarkady, Tanitia Sello

Guest: Al Dahlberg

Al Dahlberg, Director State and Community Relations:
· Brown University via Al Dahlberg and colleagues in PAUR is currently in discussions with Providence regarding the budget. There has been a lot of media coverage, although not all of it is accurate; PAUR has been countering misconceptions via opinions-editorials in the papers, one-on-one outreach, and a proposed advertising campaign (if it is funded).
· Mayor Taveras reaffirmed to President Simmons and that Providence is in a fiscal crisis, and he is reaching out to all tax exempt institutions to ask for money for taxes. For Brown, the Mayor is requesting an additional $5 million a year over the $4 million Brown pays now. Brown and Mayor Taveras have been negotiating; Al cannot relate details, but he hopes to have a conclusion within the next four to eight weeks.
· Johnson and Wales University made an announcement about their financial contributions to Providence that appeared to be voluntarily, but it was not. The University is making payments (on the property, not paying taxes) to purchase 3 city streets.
· What is important is that we all have the same facts. PAUR has developed a number of fact sheets; they are on a website that we created (SEE LINK). In 2003, Mayor Cicilline requested that Brown and the other Universities in Providence contribute financially to Providence; Brown agreed to pay some money over the years
(the hospitals were not part of that agreement). In 2006, Brown purchased property in the Jewelry District, and pays taxes that are at the same rate that everyone else pays. Brown has the need to expand, and is interested in the Rt. 195 land.

- The University’s relationship with the city transcends the budget crisis

**Heather:**
- Karen Davis will personally respond to all athletic fee and parking concerns; please continue to encourage staff to send emails with concerns to SAC@Brown.edu
- Dick Spies, Executive VP for Planning/Senior Advisor to the President, is stepping down; announcements about replacements will be made.
- Please contribute to the Box Tops for Education and Ronald McDonald Can Tab Collections.
- Heather scheduled the Morning Mails with the SAC Member Profiles.
- Heather organized Staff Appreciation Week with the Undergraduate Council of Students (UCS). She will hand out buttons, and schedule a Morning Mail with a link to an ecard for all staff.
- Heather will invite Michelle Nuey from DPS to speak to us 3/27/12 on campus safety.
- Please give receipts for purchases to Heather to pass on to Steph Altomari for reimbursement.

**Consortium Sub Committee:**
- The Sub Committee has been able to reach out to schools; not all have a SAC type of Council.
- There will be a video conference 4/4/12 at 1PM; UC Berkeley has confirmed at this point. The proposed agenda is relatively informal (e.g., a meet and greet to introduce ourselves to others). The goal was to have this conference before the 4/10/12 meeting with President Simmons.

**Staff Participation Sub Committee:**
- The Sub Committee has filled the vacant positions in BUCC and URC.
- It was suggested that the Sub Committee provide volunteer opportunities for Brown staff during the lunch hour for organizations outside of Brown (e.g., Providence Animal Rescue League). Mona will ask PAUR (Al Dahlberg and Jenn Braga) about existing opportunities.

**Events and Morale Sub Committee:**
- Upcoming events include: 2/29/12 tour of Haffenreffer, 3/12 tour of RI Hall, 5/3/12 tour of fitness center, 6/12 summer stroll, 9/12 ice cream social, 10/12 ghost tour, 12/12 holiday party.
- To address staff concerns/morale, it was suggested that we have an information session on Staff Development Day, an open forum, and/or brown bag lunches.

**Outreach and Communications Sub Committee:**
- Osiris and Leslie have updated the SAC website (e.g., SAC Member Profiles, training events).

1:32pm – Meeting Adjourned