BARUCH COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT’S CABINET MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2013

Agenda:
1. Approval of Minutes
2. President's Remarks
3. Provost Matters
4. CUNYFirst (K. Cobb)
5. Old Business
6. New Business

Attendance:
Mitchel B. Wallerstein, President
John Brenkman, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
John Choonoo, Director of the Office of Institutional Research
Katharine Cobb, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Ben Corpus, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Arthur Downing, Chief Librarian and Chief Information Officer
Mark Gibbel, Vice President for College Advancement
Mary Gorman, Chief of Staff
Christina Latouf, Assistant Vice President for Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs
Myung-Soo Lee, Interim Dean, Zicklin School of Business
Terrence Martell, Chair, Faculty Senate
Jeffrey Peck, Dean, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences & Vice Provost for Global Strategies
Stephanie Vullo, Executive Legal Counsel

Absent
David Birdsell, Dean, School of Public Affairs & Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting; minutes were approved.

President's Remarks
WC2 Conference
President Wallerstein congratulated Dean Peck for executing a successful WC2 conference on behalf of CUNY.

New Provost
The President announced Dr. David Christy as the incoming Provost. He noted that the College would now initiate the process for the search for dean of the Zicklin School.

Enrollment
President Wallerstein expressed concern regarding determining the “right size” of undergraduate enrollment. He noted it is an issue that Provost Brenkman and Vice President Corpus should “tee” up for Dr. Christy.

A brief discussion followed.
Classroom Availability for Fall 2013
Concern was expressed regarding the report that several classrooms in 17 Lex will not be ready for Fall 2013, ultimately affecting 44 classes. It was noted this information was communicated the Friday before Fall 2013 registration was to start.

A discussion followed.

It was noted that the College has classroom space available during timeslots of which the faculty do not want to teach: Fridays and early mornings.

A brief discussion was held regarding the system utilized to manage classroom space. Vice President Cobb offered to acquire from CUNY Central a copy of a space analysis that may be of use.

It was noted that the allocation of courses in accordance with the availability of classroom space would involve an education process for the faculty that must begin with the dean and the academic department chairs.

Response to Media
President Wallerstein thanked Ms. Latouf and Provost Brenkman for the College’s response to a newspaper article initiated by a disgruntled former adjunct.

Summer Session
President Wallerstein noted an email was sent out regarding summer session with analysis and would like to bring the document before Cabinet for further discussion.

25th Street Plaza
The President inquired of the progress of the 25th Street Plaza MOU. Vice President Cobb reported an MOU for maintenance of the interim plaza was in progress as well as the MOU for the permanent plaza. She noted an account would be set up to transfer funds to the Department of Transportation to begin work on the plaza.

Bernard Baruch Dinner
President Wallerstein reminded members of Cabinet that the Bernard Baruch Dinner is on April 23rd and will be held at The Pierre Hotel.

Strategic Plan Updates
President Wallerstein stressed the need to use Cabinet meetings for updates on Strategic Plan initiatives.

It was reported that SAAC received $50,000 from CUNY to strengthen its math program.

The President noted the strategic plan reflected the set goal of 20% of the College’s courses to be online by 2018. The provost stressed the need to focus on learning outcomes in order to actualize this goal. He noted the teaching and learning center will be critical for this goal.

A brief discussion followed.
**Provost Matters**

Provost Brenkman provided an update on workload for the faculty. He stressed the need to compensate the faculty properly.

The Provost provided an update regarding the academic integrity taskforce. He noted this initiative will be long term and ongoing. He reported it would be necessary to create working teams. Vice President Corpus added Farhana Hassan, the incoming Undergraduate Student Government President is very serious about this initiative.

Dr. Corpus also reported that a new structure for the VITA program would be announced shortly.

**CUNYFirst**

Vice President Cobb reported CUNYFirst will soon affect faculty and students in a major way as the next stage of its implementation is initiated. She noted a communication will go out to the College community soon. She reported the next stage of implementation has been dubbed “BARFIT” as it will include: Bursar; Admission; Registrar; Financial Aid; and Information Technology.

Vice President Cobb stressed that everyone must claim their CUNYFirst IDs. She noted she has had discussions with Dr. Downing in order to determine what additional support BCTC will need for this stage of the CUNYFirst implementation.

A discussion followed.

Ms. Cobb distributed a document outlining the contact information for the Baruch College CUNYFirst team.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None