BARUCH COLLEGE
PRESIDENT’S CABINET MEETING
APRIL 8, 2013

Agenda:
1. Approval of Minutes
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Attendance:
Mitchel B. Wallerstein, President
David Birdsell, Dean, School of Public Affairs & Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness
John Brenkman, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
John Choonoo, Director of the Office of Institutional Research
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

Absent
Katharine Cobb, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Stephanie Vullo, Executive Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2013 meeting; minutes were approved.

President’s Remarks
President Wallerstein noted that several elevators in two of the campus buildings were out of service and he awaits an update on their repair from Vice President Cobb.

President Wallerstein provided a brief update on the Provost search noting two candidates are being considered as finalists.

President Wallerstein reported on a recent meeting held at CUNY Central regarding scholarships. He stressed the need to ensure the College is doing all it can to help students acquire scholarships. Dean Birdsell noted a new scholarship director for the honors program has been hired and suggested she be invited to speak at Cabinet. Dr. Downing reported he provided a list of faculty who received various fellowships to link them as mentors to students to advise students through the fellowship/scholarship application process. A discussion followed. It was noted that students should be educated on fellowships and scholarships.
Provost Matters
Provost Brenkman reported that the issue of Pathways and ePermit was raised at a recent academic meeting at CUNY Central. He noted the need to restrict ePermit during students’ first thirty credits at the College. Vice President Corpus noted that students would be concerned by limitation that would be additional to freshman students’ place in line for registration. The Provost noted the vice chancellery has referred the matter to a working group. A discussion followed.

Summer Session
Vice President Corpus reported the summer session enrollment is down 604 seats and 113 less sections are being offered. A discussion followed. It was noted that in addition to cancelled courses, there are some upper level courses that could not be offered because there are no senior faculty members available to teach them. The President asked the deans to urge the faculty to created more summer session courses.

Clear Admit Consulting Project
Dean Lee presented a PowerPoint Presentation and accompanying documentation updating Cabinet on the progress of the Clear Admit Consulting project. A discussion followed.

BCF Agenda Items
Vice President Gibbel initiated a discussion on possible agenda items that could be presented to the Baruch College Fund at future board meetings. A discussion followed. It was suggested that at the first meeting of the new academic year, background information on all of the newly hired faculty could be presented and the faculty could be invited to attend a cocktail reception directly after the board meeting.

President Wallerstein noted that various BCF board members have expressed concerns about the CPA pass rates and perhaps that could be addressed at one of the upcoming meetings this spring.

Other suggested agenda items included specific programs that have experienced significant growth; and undergraduate outreach.

Bernard Baruch Dinner
Vice President Gibbel encouraged members of Cabinet to attend the April 23rd Bernard Baruch dinner and to contribute a donation to the BCF fund.

Middle States Periodic Review
Dr. Choonoo reported that Provost Brenkman asked him to represent Baruch College at a recent meeting held by Middle States regarding periodic review reports for accreditation liaison officers. He distributed a summary of the workshop held for accreditation liaison officers. It was noted that Baruch’s report would be due in June 2015, but no site visit would be required. Dr. Choonoo noted that the Middle States Commission would be revising the guidelines but the guidelines would not be enforced until 2016. A discussion followed. Provost Brenkman suggested that a small committee be created to prepare the periodic review report and the membership to overlap the membership of the committee that served for the Middle States site visit.

Old Business
• Dean Peck encouraged members of Cabinet to attend the public portions of the WC2 Conference which would be held at Baruch College April 15th – 17th.
• The President inquired about the progress of the preparation of the hard copy of the strategic plan. Ms. Latouf reported it is moving along.
• Ms. Gorman noted that there have been no updates on strategic plan initiatives and stressed the need for such.

New Business
None