BARUCH COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT’S CABINET MEETING  
November 19, 2012

Agenda:
1. Approval of Minutes  
2. President’s Remarks  
3. Provost Matters  
4. Update on 25th Street Plaza and Student Center Initiatives  
5. Trip to Turkey  
6. Commencement  
7. Old Business  
8. New Business

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  
Katharine Cobb, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
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  
Ben Corpus, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Approval of Minutes  
A motion was made to approve the October 22, 2012 and November 5, 2012 minutes and the minutes were approved.

President's Remarks  
Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy  
President Wallerstein reported the College has received some negative feedback in relation to the rescheduling of classes affected by the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy on Sundays. The Provost reported a dozen faculty attended a seminar on creating online makeup classes. The President noted his hope that some faculty would take advantage of the online option.

It was noted that some staff, faculty and students were rendered homeless by the storm and the Office of College Advancement was able to secure $55,000 in Petrie funds to assist students in need. The President noted that in some cases the needs of some are beyond the College’s financial ability to assist.

Vice President Corpus reported he compiled a list of how students were impacted by the storm. Dr. Downing reported the College library building was held open for 24 hours after the storm through November 15th to allow students a safe place to study; at least 60 students took advantage of this service.

The President reported the Council of Presidents debated whether it is viable for the colleges to function as shelters during regular academic operations.
Ms. Gorman noted the concerns expressed regarding the CUNY alert messages sent out during the emergency. A brief discussion followed.

Dr. Martell stressed the need to have disaster recovery reviewed by Cabinet.

The President reported the meeting with department chairs regarding academic cheating was a casualty of the storm and will be rescheduled. The Provost noted the Academic Integrity Taskforce is behind schedule because of the storm, but will report back soon. A brief discussion followed.

President Wallerstein reported the roll out plans for Institutional Effectiveness is contingent on circulating the final strategic plan. It will be initiated with an “all hands on deck” meeting of the entire College staff.

**Provost Matters**
The Provost reported the final draft of the strategic plan will be sent out to the committee next week.

The Provost reported the Pathways deadline is on the horizon. A brief discussion followed.

Dr. Downing noted the colleges have been charged by CUNY Central to implement changes to DegreeWorks in association with the Pathways curricular changes.

The Provost reported two of three Zicklin Executive programs have admitted students for next Fall. He noted the Executive MBA curriculum needed to be revamped. There are twelve students prepared to start the program and steps have been taken to keep the twelve individuals engaged by inviting them to various on campus events. It was noted that the program will be aggressively marketed for fall admission. A brief discussion followed.

**Update on 25th Street Plaza and Student Center Initiatives**
President Wallerstein reported the 25th Street plaza has officially been approved. He credited Christina Latouf and Eric Lugo, Director of Government and Community Relations for their hard work and efforts in gaining community support for the project.

Ms. Latouf reported the College will be moving forward to get the interim plaza rolled out. In the meantime, the Department of Transportation will review the schematics of the permanent rendering in the upcoming weeks.

**Trip to Turkey**
Dean Peck provided an update on the plans for a future trip to Turkey. He noted there are alumni groups in Turkey, eager to meet the President. A brief discussion followed.

**Commencement**
Ms. Gorman reported the College is researching the feasibility of holding the 2013 commencement proceedings at Citifield. A brief discussion followed.

**Old Business**
N/A

**New Business**
N/A