Council of the Princeton University Community
Minutes, December 10, 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Princeton University Community held December 10, 2018 in Betts Auditorium in the School of Architecture. Present were Council members Mr. Bomparola, Ms. Calhoun, Ms. Carmen, Mr. Durkee, President Eisgruber (chair), Ms. Faccone, Professor Finkelstein, Mr. Hale, Ms. Hazen, Professor Herrera, Dean Leslie, Professor Lew-Williams, Mr. Lidow, Professor Link, Mr. Martini, Ms. Nguyen, Provost Prentice, Mr. Press, Ms. Pulaski, Ms. Romero, Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Shah, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Wilson, Professor Wolff, and Ms. Yee, Ms. Gage was secretary.

The President called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and after the roll call he requested and received approval of minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Question and Answer Period

President Eisgruber next turned to the question and answer period and explained that a question had been submitted in advance by an undergraduate regarding the presence of a question regarding conviction history on the undergraduate application. The question related to the previous CPUC meeting’s Ban the Box topic and the President reiterated that he believed the question should remain on the application but that he was open to the possibility of restructuring the question “in ways that may mitigate some of the negative effects.”

Update from Academic Integrity Reconciliation Committee

Next, the President invited Dean of the College Jill Dolan to present an update from the Academic Integrity Reconciliation Committee. Dean Dolan began by providing a brief history of the topic and explaining that the committee was charged to “consider the long-term recommendations in the Honor System Review Committee and the Committee on Discipline reports.” She outlined specific recommendations from both reports that the committee is reviewing, including adding faculty to the Honor Code Committee, transferring all violations to one student-faculty committee and revising the penalty structure for both the Honor Committee and the Committee on Discipline.

Dean Dolan updated the council on the work of the committee to date and explained that three key areas were emerging as major areas of focus. The need to educate both students and faculty about expectations and procedures, the importance of aligning practices and principles across the Honor Code and the Committee on Discipline and revision of penalties. She concluded her report by explaining next steps for the committee and reviewing why this has been an important process.

Campus Plan Update

President Eisgruber introduced University architect Ron McCoy who presented an update on the Campus Plan. Mr. McCoy began by explaining that the Campus Plan was developed between 2014 and 2017 and referred to the plan, “as a framework to guide campus development over the next 10 years in the context of potential needs and developments over 30 years and...
beyond.” He further explained that this was a plan that was meant to encompass all University-related lands, including lands south of Lake Carnegie in West Windsor and identifies opportunities to improve already developed portions of the campus, especially east of Washington Road, and south of Lake Carnegie.

As part of the 2016 strategic planning framework, three priority projects were identified: a new residential college or colleges to permit expansion of the undergraduate student body, new and improved facilities to support teaching and research in engineering and environmental studies and space to accommodate academic partnerships with corporate, government and nonprofit sectors in an expanded innovation ecosystem. Mr. McCoy explained that the campus plan identifies the locations for each of these priority projects and that architects have been selected for a good majority of the new projects. He continued with a review of the selected architects for the Residential Colleges Project - Deborah Berke Partners; Environmental Studies and School of Engineering and Applied Science – Ennead; Lake Campus Master Plan – SOM and James Corner Field Operations as well as a number of other identified projects.

Mr. McCoy concluded his presentation with a review of the sustainability targets established regarding campus energy and explained that the goal was for the campus to be carbon neutral in 30 years. He estimated that if fundraising goals are met, the expectation is that the projects outlined will be completed by 2024.

The President thanked all those in attendance. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Gage
Secretary