

**Provost's Advisory Council  
Summary of December 11, 2015 Meeting**

Can Erbil (Chair)	Stephanie Berzin	Thomas Wall
Min Song	Mark Brodin	Barbara Jones
Anthony Annunziato	Lillie Albert	John Rakestraw
William Keane	Laura O'Dwyer	David Quigley
Susan Michalczyk	Theresa O'Keefe	Patricia DeLeeuw
Devin Pendas	Daniel Chambers	Thomas Chiles
Judith Clair	Sasha Tomic	Akua Sarr
Samuel Graves	Gregory Kalscheur, S.J.	Nanci Tessier
Marie Boltz	Susan Gennaro	Jessica Pesce

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1. **The summary of the October 29, 2015 meeting was approved.** It will be sent to the President's Office. All summaries are posted on the Provost's Office website; members are encouraged to share them with colleagues.

**2. Update on Woods College of Advancing Studies—James Burns, IVD, Dean, WCAS**

Fr. Burns discussed the Woods College's mission to meet the needs of full and part-time students from a wide variety of backgrounds. The school provides flexibility with non-traditional formats, including evening and weekend classes. Woods is launching new graduate programs that use technology, meet student demands, and respond to societal needs. The school has revised the Boston College Summer Session and also developed high school summer programs for rising seniors to familiarize them with college.

Woods recently ended the master's in administrative studies program and in its place launched a leadership and administration master's degree. The school has also developed new master's programs in applied economics, cybersecurity (starting in January), and health administration, which will be the first online master's degree at BC. The school has also recently revised its core curriculum, redesigned all majors, and implemented eight undergraduate certificates that were created with the help of BC faculty and employers in the designated fields. Fall

Woods students are more likely to be male, which also differs from the institution's peer schools. Time to degree is 7 years for undergraduates, 2.5 years for graduates.

In the past year, Woods has updated its website, worked with the Office of Marketing

#### **4. Provost's Report**

The VP for Student Affairs, Barb Jones, updated the group on the outbreak of Norovirus at BC. There have been 150 confirmed cases so far. The illness was brought to the administration's attention because several athletes felt ill, and it was discovered that they had all eaten at the same Chipotle location. A message was sent to all coaches asking them to have their teams stay away from the restaurant. At 9:15 am on Monday, BC officials notified the Public Health department, and Chipotle was closed down. After samples sent to a lab confirmed it was Norovirus, administrators notified students at 3:15 pm on Tuesday. On Wednesday, an announcement went out to the whole BC community with information from the CDC regarding the virus and how to respond to it. Those affected are contagious before they are sick and 3 days after the symptoms pass. Public Health officials examined BC's food service areas and found no evidence of the virus. Council members said it would have been helpful for faculty to receive additional messaging directly from the Provost's Office. Many faculty heard from students or friends first.

Barb Jones gave an update on student activism on campus. The Eradicate group and the UGBC have lists of changes they would like to see implemented on campus. UGBC presented a working document of proposals to the Student Life committee at the Board of Trustees meeting. Last Monday, many senior administrators including the Provost, several Deans and Vice Provosts had dinner with students and listened to their concerns. The Dean of Students' office is working on creating a bias incident response process. We are also looking for ways that the CTE and other existing groups on campus can create programming in the spring that will focus on inclusive practices. Students would also like to see more hiring and retention of diverse faculty. Faculty hiring is done at the departmental level, so the work of diversifying the faculty begins with