President Coico’s College Update for faculty and staff on the strategic plan took place on Tuesday, November 11th in NAC 0/201 lecture hall to a group of over sixty people, including students who joined to hear about the process.

Provost Trevisan reported on the upcoming Town Hall events scheduled for CCNY Alumni and for Students to continue the outreach to all valued members of the College community.

The draft Strategic Plan Framework document charting seven central themes of focus for the next eight years was distributed in October. The Framework, when finalized, will be the public face of the College’s aspirations. It will span the years leading up to City College’s 175th year of its mission to provide excellence in higher education in service of New York, the nation and the world.

The current work is in drafting the Implementation Plan, the manual of operations in which we are synthesizing and prioritizing the committee recommendations and feedback from students, faculty, staff and external community members. The timeline, cost and complexity of each recommendation are being identified. Key features of the Implementation Plan are accountability, benchmarks and metrics to track and publish our progress toward success.

CCNY is the most comprehensive public institution of higher education in New York City, and we should celebrate the unique qualities of the College. Our very comprehensiveness supplies fertile ground for multidisciplinary engagement to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving world. The Provost reported that more than 85 full-time faculty have been hired over the last three years, in all disciplines.

Comments and items for discussion included:

- Major commitment made to facilities and IT
- CUNYfirst support
- Space for student activities
- Enhancement of student support for academic, career and professional development
- Improvement of communications

The next Strategic Plan Town Hall events will be for Alumni on November 19th in Shepard 250 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and for Students on December 2nd in NAC 0/201 from 12 – 1:30 p.m.