

Provost Maurizio Trevisan hosted a town hall for City College students for their perspective and input into the College's strategic planning initiative. Introductory remarks included a description of the Provost's role at the College and of his charge to help create the strategic plan with broad-based campus input. He thanked the more than sixty students attending for giving their time to this important endeavor. The Provost emphasized that the College wants to continue to hear students' perspectives to inform the plan.

A brief but detailed overview of the process to date was presented. Work is continuing with the deans and others to refine and distill the many recommendations to come out of the process, almost half of which involved student success and support services.

City College has a unique strength: it is the most comprehensive public institution of higher education in New York City, spanning liberal arts, sciences and the professional schools. Our strategic plan will carry us over the course of the next eight years leading up to our 175th anniversary in 2022.

The Provost then opened the floor to comments by reporting that sixty-six students completed a survey prior to the town hall. They overwhelmingly named faculty members as having the most positive impact on their success at City College.

Comments and items for discussion included:

- student advisement
- student support and available resources
- improving communication
- information technology
- interdisciplinary educational programs
- accessibility of educational space for all students
- creation of internships
- fostering networks for job placement opportunities
- importance of a green campus
- bottleneck courses (a brief progress report on high demand course availability was given)

The meeting concluded with a request to continue to voice thoughts and concerns. We will track and publish on the website progress toward achieving our goals.