

The Faculty Senate and the Provost co-sponsored a Town Hall on March 13, 2014 to present an update and solicit input from faculty and staff on the strategic planning initiative. Over 100 in attendance filled the NAC 0/201 lecture hall to hear Faculty Senate Chair Jeruzalmi and Provost Trevisan underscore the importance of being involved in this vital effort to help create a unified vision and direction for City College.

The Provost expressed gratitude to all the 91 committee members across 32 distinct areas of campus for their work and commitment.

Continuing to provide excellence amid budgetary constraints demands that strategic planning goals be prioritized:

- Identify key infrastructure needs
- Enhance support services for students
- Address recruiting and retaining top-flight faculty
- Improve daily services, support structures, accountability, transparency, communication and collaboration
- Revenue-generating ideas include optimizing efficiency; recruiting for graduate programs; developing non-degree professional programs; offering NYC and Harlem cultural and English language programs
- Communicate more effectively with our accomplished alumni

Faculty and staff were then given the floor to ask questions and provide their input. Various topics were discussed, including aspects of admission standards; increasing collaboration with NYC public high schools; student success; communicating our proud history and mission; fundraising; hiring for excellence; and additional areas that the committees may want to explore.

Finally, a path forward to continue developing strategies was presented as the next steps in the process, whose targeted completion is 2014:

- Seek broader input from all campus stakeholders (Deans, Chairs, Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Community and Government Partners)
- Continue to engage planning Committees through email exchanges and face-to-face meetings
- Integrate Committee plans and recommendations into a single plan
- Develop overarching aspirational strategies and goals for the College
- Develop implementation plans

Thanks were expressed to the many who attended. All were encouraged to continue involvement through monitoring the website for upcoming strategic planning events and providing constructive thoughts through the feedback mechanism therein.