May 13, 2009

TO: The Brooklyn College Community
FROM: Trustee Joseph J. Lhota, Chair
       The Brooklyn College Presidential Search Committee
RE: Search Progress Report #2

I would like to thank the many members of the Brooklyn College community for your continuing interest in and support for the process currently underway to select the college’s next President.

The Brooklyn College Presidential Search Committee considered dozens of candidates and eventually narrowed the field to ten semi-finalists, who were interviewed by the committee. From this group of highly qualified candidates, the committee has selected four finalists who have been invited to visit the campus.

The Brooklyn College Presidential Search Committee is pleased to announce that the following four finalists will visit the campus on four separate days:

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

Dr. Karen L. Gould
Provost and Senior Vice President, Division of Academic Affairs
California State University – Long Beach

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

Dr. Hilary Ratner
Vice President for Research
Wayne State University

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

Dr. Lisa Staiano-Coico
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Temple University

**Friday, May 22, 2009**

Dr. Elizabeth Langland
University Vice President
Arizona State University at West Campus
Each finalist will meet with members of the Faculty, Department Chairs, Student Representatives, Vice Presidents, Deans, Administrative Staff members, Alumni and Community representatives. Finalists will also address a one-hour Town Hall Meeting/Open Forum, to which all members of the community are invited. Following introductory comments by the candidates, audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The Open Forums/Town Hall meetings will be held on the above dates from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Woody Tanger Auditorium, 150 Library. The entire Brooklyn College community is invited to attend.

Each of the campus groups selected to meet with the candidates will file a feedback advisory report. The Chancellor will include consideration of these reports in determining which candidate to recommend to the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Nicole Hosten-Haas, Director, College and Community Relations, is serving as the campus liaison. She will circulate on campus a schedule for all meetings, as well as the location for each day’s Open Forum.

Biographies of each of the candidates are attached. The full curriculum vitae for each candidate are available through Ms. Hosten-Haas.

I would like to thank the Brooklyn College community for your continued enthusiastic support.
Dr. Karen L. Gould has served as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Long Beach since March, 2007. Prior to this appointment, she served as dean of McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, the largest college at the University of Cincinnati (2001-2007), and as dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia (1996-2001). Dr. Gould has also held tenured faculty positions and administrative appointments at Bowling Green State University, Virginia Polytechnic University, and Bucknell University. She received her BA, cum laude, from Occidental College in 1970, a diploma from the Sorbonne, and her Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon in 1975.

As the chief academic officer of CSULB, one of the largest and most diverse of 23 public institutions in the California State University system, Dr. Gould is responsible for ensuring a high quality educational experience for 31,000 undergraduates and 7,000 graduate students, including 1,400 international students, in eight academic colleges. As provost, she provides academic leadership for the university and promotes excellence in all aspects of the university’s academic mission, including general education, undergraduate and graduate degree programs, continuing education, academic advising, faculty and student research and creative activity, international education, community engagement and service learning, institutional research, academic technology, accreditation, faculty and staff development, and tenure and promotion. She co-chairs the university budget committee, oversees an annual budget for the Division of Academic Affairs of 170 million, and serves as secretary for the University Foundation. Dr. Gould also plays an active role across the CSU with other provosts on the Academic Council of the California State University system and is a member of the CSU Academic Council Advisory Committee, the system-wide Common Management System Executive Group, and the CSU Academic Technology Steering Committee.

As former dean of arts and sciences at the University of Cincinnati and in her current role as provost of California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Gould has expanded academic advising and first-year experience, invested in academic technology infrastructure for faculty and students, enhanced support for faculty and student research, scholarship, and creative activity, expanded study abroad and service learning opportunities, advanced community engagement activities, improved college and academic affairs communications efforts, and provided leadership for substantial fund-raising successes.

An internationally-known scholar in the field of French-Canadian literature and former editor of the interdisciplinary journal, Québec Studies, Dr. Gould is the author or co-editor of 6 books and over 50 articles and essays on contemporary Quebec literature, francophone women writers, and the modern French novel. She has received numerous grants, fellowships, and awards for her research and has been honored with the Canadian Governor General’s International Award for Canadian Studies in 2003 and the Donner Medal in Canadian Studies in 2005 for her research and professional contributions to the field of Canadian Studies. Active in the profession, she has served as president of the International Council for Canadian Studies, president of the American Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, and as a member of the executive board of the national Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences.
Dr. Hilary Horn Ratner

Hilary Horn Ratner is the Vice President for Research at Wayne State University, providing oversight and direction of the University’s research enterprise, which exceeded $253 million in research and development expenditures in 2008. She joined the Division of Research in 2007 after serving as Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School from 2002 to 2006, and as Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and International Programs from 2006 to 2007. Dr. Ratner joined the faculty of Wayne State University as an assistant professor in 1981 within the Department of Psychology and became Professor in 1993. She came to Wayne State University upon completion of a two-year individual post-doctoral National Research Service Award at the University of Chicago. She received her B.A. in Psychology and Sociology summa cum laude with honors from Kent State University in 1974 and earned an M.S. in 1976 and Ph.D. in 1979 in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dr. Ratner’s research expertise is focused on memory and learning. She has published widely in these areas and has received funding from the National Science Foundation, the US Department of Education, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the National Institute on Aging, The Wellcome Trust, and the McGregor Foundation to support her work. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and has served as a member of the editorial board of a number of journals. She is a member of the Board of TechTown, a research and technology park in Detroit.

Dr. Ratner has been honored with the Michigan Association of State Governing Boards’ Distinguished Faculty Award and at Wayne State University has received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the President's Exceptional Service Award, and a Career Development Award.
A native of Brooklyn, Dr. Lisa Staiano-Coico earned a B.S. with honors in biology from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York in 1976 and a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences (now Weill Cornell Medical College) in 1981. She conducted her post-doctoral research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Staiano-Coico is Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Surgery at Temple University. She is the university’s chief academic officer, responsible for 17 schools and colleges (including its Tokyo and Rome campuses) and its undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, with an approximate budget of more than $600M. She recently launched an academic strategic plan for the University, the result of an 18-month collaborative planning process (http://www.temple.edu/provost/academiccompass/). She also initiated a new general education curriculum which integrated a “Philadelphia Experience” that received acclaim in the Chronicle of Higher Education (11/28/08 issue).

Before joining Temple University, Dr. Staiano-Coico was the Rebecca Q. and James C. Morgan Dean of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, a college with a $70 million budget, more than 1,400 students, and a $23M annual research program. She successfully planned and secured $39M for the design and construction of a state-of-the-art laboratory building for the College (to be completed in 2011). She established interdisciplinary programs in areas such as psychology and law, and global health and nutrition.

Dr. Staiano-Coico was Executive Director of the Tri-Institutional Research Program, a $160M research consortium of Cornell University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Rockefeller University. She has held academic and senior administrative leadership positions at Cornell’s Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College in New York City, including vice provost for medical and external affairs, senior associate dean for research, division chief of surgical research, and professorships in microbiology in surgery, microbiology in dermatology, and public health. She is past president of the International Society for Analytical Cytology.

Her recent professional appointments have included service as a member of the NIH’s National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council, as well as a chair of the NIH’s National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel on trauma training and the Special Emphasis Panel of the NIH’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Dr. Staiano-Coico also was a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Task Force on Research Institutes and Centers, and she is past president of the International Society for Analytical Cytology. She is currently a Health Research Advisory Committee Member for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania. She is also a member of the Board of Managers of The Philadelphia Foundation.

Dr. Staiano-Coico currently researches alcohol and drug abuse prevention among traditional college-aged students. Recent publications include “Impact of an Online Alcohol Education Course on Behavior and Harm for Incoming First-Year College Students: Short-Term Evaluation of a Randomized Trial” in the Journal of American College Health (J Am. College Health 57: 445-54; 2009).
Dr. Elizabeth Langland

Elizabeth Langland, University Vice President at the West campus of Arizona State University and Dean of ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, joined ASU in 2007, having served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Purchase College, State University of New York, and as Dean of the Division of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies at the University of California–Davis. Her broad administrative portfolio in major state systems in New York, California, Florida and, now, Arizona, gives her first-hand knowledge of the challenges facing public higher education as well as substantial experience in marshalling strategic planning, resource generation, budgetary management, and vision to meet those challenges.

Dr. Langland began her academic career at Vanderbilt University, where she helped establish and direct the women’s studies program. She then chaired the English department at Converse College in South Carolina, and in 1985, joined the faculty at the University of Florida, serving as director of graduate studies in English from 1990 to 1995, when she became an associate dean for faculty affairs for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. As an English professor at the University of Florida, Dr. Langland won three college-wide awards for excellence in teaching and another for her distinguished scholarship.

At UC Davis (1999–2004), Dean Langland worked effectively with faculty, students, and staff to strengthen core disciplines in the humanities and arts; infuse resources into interdisciplinary programs in ethnic, gender, and cultural studies; and develop innovative, cross-disciplinary initiatives built upon the university’s long-standing strengths in the sciences. Under her direction, the division grew vigorously in faculty, student enrollments, and majors, significantly outpacing the university’s overall rate of growth. She also helped the university raise private funds for and open a $60 million, state-of-the-art performance hall and launched plans and fundraising for a university museum of art.

As provost, vice president for academic affairs and a member of the faculty at Purchase College–SUNY (2004–2007), she developed a strategic plan to make the arts and liberal arts more competitive, relevant, and productive in an increasingly global environment; instituted recruitment and hiring protocols to ensure a diverse faculty and staff; initiated a collegial process for review and revision of general education to create a distinctive program that addresses student learning and builds core competencies in students; generated new multidisciplinary programs responsive to needs of students in the twenty-first century; supervised a complete overhaul and updating of college computing and instructional services; and increased enrollments and selectivity through reorganization of admissions, financial aid, student accounts, and institutional research.

At Arizona State University, Vice President Langland is responsible for fundraising and development, generating community support for the West campus, building regional partnerships, and shaping the campus identity to enhance its national visibility. As Dean, Dr. Langland has developed an ambitious strategic plan and new brand identity for the college, reorganized the college to create budgetary and management efficiencies, initiated entrepreneurial projects to raise revenues, increased support for faculty research and creative activity, enhanced student learning and assessment, and improved retention while preserving and enhancing diversity and access.
A scholar specializing in Victorian literature, feminist and gender theory, cultural studies, and theory of the novel, Dr. Langland is the author or editor of eight books and numerous articles, has served on editorial boards of journals, and held leadership positions in her professional organizations. She earned her B.A. degree *summa cum laude* from Barnard College and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with departmental honors from the University of Chicago.