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PCAR Process Enters into Third Phase

BY TAHIYAH HARSTON

Campus Editor

President’s Committee for Academic Renewal is now in its third phase, which involves the process of establishing its programs at Howard University. According to President’s Committee to be presented to President Sidney A. Ribeau at the PCAR, this phase was created in fall 2009, came to an end in spring and is now a three-phase framework that was used to evaluate and rank each PCAR process. While PCAR will be evaluating programs, Ribeau said student input is necessary for the academic renewal to be successful.

He said the problems will not be known unless students speak up. "Students must be the first to report and provide an input on what they would like to see happen," Ribeau said.

"PCAR is a student organization that has now created a system that enables students to speak to us," Ribeau said.

He said students have created a framework that makes it possible to see what the academic renewal is about and what the goals are. He added that students are currently working on a plan to get the academic renewal program off the ground.

"This is a plan that will be able to work," Ribeau said. "It is a plan that will be able to work because the students are working on it."
6 Things Students Should Know About the President's Committee on Academic Renewal

After speaking with President Ribeau and reviewing PCAR's Academic Renewal Plan, The Hilltop has decided to pick six important things from the on-line accessible document to help students better understand the Academic Renewal process and the changes the university will soon undergo. For more, visit www.Howard.edu.

The President's Committee on Academic Renewal is composed of 54 members and is chaired by Albert Thorntoi, Ph.D. The 54 members include mostly faculty, as well as students, alumni and external experts, which include administrators from various institutions from Duke University to the University of Maryland, College Park.

As of now, Howard is in phase 3 of PCAR, which focuses on "the review and modification of Howard University's portfolio of academic and health science programs." Howard is to evaluate all of the 181 programs through an evaluation framework which was recently approved by the board. The evaluation framework is based upon percentages. The information ranges from the size of programs and number of majors, to the academic preparation for students and likeness of faculty. The highest percentage of the evaluation criteria is in the area of academic quality, which has to do with student scholarship, graduation rates and faculty viability.

UNDERGRADUATE: The plan PCAR has for the undergraduate programs is to enrich them. The committee will look at each program and evaluate, along with student input, which programs should be eliminated and which programs should be enhanced. Ribeau said the programs won't be completely cut out of the curriculum, but phased out over a period of time. For students who may be juniors or seniors, if their program gets cut they will still be able to complete their major.

GRADUATE: The plan PCAR has for the graduate programs is to make them more career enrichment based, which may include cutting some programs. Ribeau gave the example of how Duke and North Carolina - Chapel Hill both couldn't afford to have a classic master's program so they decided to combine the two to save money and still keep the program. He said this is where external experts come in to give experience and knowledge from a different viewpoint.

There have been myths that Howard University plans to increase the percentage of graduate students to 60 percent and the number of undergraduate students decreasing to 40 percent. According to Ribeau, this is an urban legend and the university has no intentions to change this. He said, as most research universities, there is a heavier percentage of the graduate population, but for Howard this is not feasible. "We just need to continue to get better. We want students to be able to graduate from Howard University and every year the value of your degree increases," Ribeau said.

While PCAR is reviewing all 181 programs, Ribeau said there will be a special focus on the STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs due to President Obama's push for more graduates from these programs in order for American employers to compete internationally. He said there will be an updating of facilities and equipment to make the programs better. There will also be recruitment of more students in programs such as engineering, where there aren't currently many students. "Most students aren't interested in areas that deal with quantitative studies," Ribeau said. By the end of this semester, Ribeau plans to have all of the recommendations from the board and, by the end of May, give the results to the campus community.

Let your voice be heard.

PCAR Town Hall Meeting
Tonight 7 p.m.
School of Business Auditorium
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What we have been attempting to name, qualify and quantify and ultimately affirm, improve and leverage, that is "unique and irreplaceable" about Howard University, are the culturally-grounded, non-race-based modalities which inform teaching and learning dedicated to questions of the human condition. There is a Howard "type" of faculty, student and staff which we must identify and replicate in order to give the word "quality" real meaning.

- Gregg Carr, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Afro-American Studies

A university has multiple missions by its nature. Essentially, what must be emphasized is not a manufactured "unique mission" for Howard. It has the same essential mission as all other universities, teaching and research. What needs to be emphasized are the ideas to which it is committed as priorities, the focus of its programs, and the social significance of its provision of education and health services to underserved populations, while not marginalizing those programs that are not tightly or obviously aligned with them or a mission statement.

- Michael Winton, Ph.D., Vice President Emeritus

Faculty and students are invited to attend any or all of the following meetings and be a part of the discussion on academic renewal at Howard University

- Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., Chair, Presidential Commission on Academic Renewal

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**
School of Business Auditorium, 1200 - 6th Street, NW - 2nd Floor
Focus: PCAR discussion and the uniqueness of Howard University
Target Audience: Student Body (Undergraduate/Graduate/Professional)

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Venue: TBA
Focus: PCAR discussion and the uniqueness of Howard University
Target Audience: Law/Divinity School Students

**Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
School of Social Work Auditorium: 601 Howard Place, NW - Lower Level
Focus: PCAR Status Report
Target Audience: Undergraduate and Graduate Faculty

**Thursday, April 8, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Venue: TBA
Focus: PCAR Status Report
Target Audience: Professional Program Faculty - Other Than Health Sciences

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
College of Medicine Auditorium, Room 3019; 520 W Street, N. W - 3rd Floor
Focus: PCAR Status Report
Target Audience: Professional Program Faculty - Health Sciences

Questions about the two-half meetings should be directed to E võlel V, Ph.D., PCAR Coordinator, person Howard email for more information on PCAR and http://www.answcr.libraries.udu/PCAR.html

THE HILLTOP
Lady Bison Shines on Field

BY ROYCE STRAHAN

Another Lady Bison is blazing her way toward making a name for herself. This time on the lacrosse field.

Lady Bison junior attack Deidre Cox from Broadview, Ill., was named the National Lacrosse Conference (NLC) Player of the Week in her outstanding efforts in games against Trinity and Providence.

Cox was a key in a pair of games last week. In the lady Bison lacrosse team's first game against Trinity on March 15, Cox scored six goals in a 21-2 win.

In the game against Providence on March 21, Cox improved on her dominant play in the previous game and scored seven goals.

Cox ended the weekend with 15 goals, three assists, three turnovers and two ground balls in both games.

Cox is leading the NLC in scoring with 17 goals and seven assists for the Mason Lady Bison lacrosse team. She is up next against Central Connecticut State at 3 p.m. in a nonconference matchup.

Sports Throwback Photo

Arthur Robert Ashe, Jr., was a professional tennis player from Richmond, Va., who won three Grand Slam titles during his career, putting him in the category as one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Ashe suffered a heart attack in 1979 and went through a series of operations before contracting HIV during a blood transfusion he received during his second surgery. Before his death in 1993, Ashe brought attention to AIDS worldwide and is still remembered as one of the greats in tennis.

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Remaining Lacrosse Schedule

Wed 24 Central Connecticut State Washington, D.C. 3 p.m.

Sat 27 at Jacksonville* Jacksonville, Fla. 3 p.m.

April

Thu 1 Longwood (Senior Day)* Washington, D.C. 4 p.m.

Sat 3 at Detroit Mercy* Detroit, Mich. 1 p.m.

Sun 11 at Bucknell Lewisburg, Pa. 3 p.m.

Sports Trivial

What NCAA basketball team has won the most championship titles?

Search the Hilltop for the answer.

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

March 24, 1975

Muhammad Ali TKO'd Chuck Wepner in 15 for the heavyweight boxing title.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

ROCK CAPITAL ENTERTAINMENT
cordially invite you and a guest to a private advance screening of

PASTOR BROWN

Monday, March 29, 2010

Film Screening: 7:00pm

Theater: 40th Street on the Hill

202-370-3226

Pastor Brown, a community leader and radio personality, goes undercover as a pastor trying to get a church off the hook for a murder and involving his wife in a life-threatening situation. Join us as the Pastor Brown Fan Club for Pastor Brown on Facebook.

THE HILLTOP
Presidential Commission on Academic Renewal (PCAR)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is PCAR? Why was it developed?
President Schevy Ribeau, Ph.D., has indicated his commitment to maintaining the University as one of our nation's premier institutions of higher education and to significantly improving its academic programs, administrative operations and services to students, faculty and staff. In keeping with the University's existing and new resources and strategically aligning them with the University's mission and vision, he created PCAR, a representative group of faculty, students, staff, alumni and external experts to review the University's academic portfolio and make recommendations to him for required adjustments. After receiving opinions from the faculty Senate, ACUA, deans and others, the President (elected members of the University community to serve on the Commission.

Are small programs/concentrations represented on the Commission? There are representatives on the PCAR from several small programs and/or concentrations. The PCAR is broadly representative of the University and its academic programs. It is important to note that PCAR members are not asked to represent particular academic programs; rather, they are asked to represent the general strategic interest of the University and its students, faculty and staff.

When will PCAR do its work? The Commission began its work building upon prior departmental, school and college program assessments, program success and self-studies, and the recently completed two-year Middle States Self-Study which contains the recommendations for "renewal" of the operational, administrative, technological and facilities components of the University.

PCAR has now turned its focus to "academic renewal" operating with a timeline which began in December 2009 and will end in 2010 with recommendations to the President.

When will recommended and/or approved changes take effect? Changes will be phased in over the course of three to four years to allow students in the pipeline ample time to complete their programs.

How will the work of the Commission be done? The Commissioners are divided into four programmatic workgroups, which are chaired by distinguished faculty members. They are:

1. Undergraduate Programs
2. Graduate Programs
3. Professional Programs-Other Than Health Sciences
4. Professional Programs- Health Sciences

A critical part of the Commission's work involves outreach to the deans and department chairs. Visits will be scheduled with school and college deans, department chairs and faculty to discuss academic program mission and vision, to verify program data that are currently on file, and to receive perspectives on the dimensions of Howard that make it unique. The Commissioners will also take questions and comments regarding the PCAR process and the future of Howard University.

What criteria will be used by the Commissioners to evaluate academic programs?
The Commission is reviewing each academic program using the following as general performance criteria:

1. Relationship to Mission
2. Academic Quality
3. Research
4. AcademicCentrality & Necessity
5. Enrollment and (6) Sustainability. Each of the four Commission workgroups have also identified additional related factors in each programmatic area for discussion in recognition of the fact that all programs should be evaluated in the same manner.

What are some of the questions that will be asked during the Commission's site visits? Some of the questions that will be asked of faculty and administrators in its various program areas are:

- What do you see as Howard University's unique niche in 2009? 2020?
- How do you see your department and its programs contributing to the realization of the University's future vision?
- If there is any thing you could improve at Howard University on your campus, what would it be and how will you effect the improvement?
- What do you see as the unambiguity of Howard University and how does your program contribute to that uniqueness?
- What existing or expected interdisciplinary or inter-university activities is your program engaged in?
- What disciplinary, national, or international trends do you anticipate will have an impact on your programs?

Will you get student input before final decisions are made?
President Ribeau has indicated that, in addition to student participation on the Commission, he will present his recommendations to students, faculty and staff prior to presenting them to the Board of Trustees. In addition, students may participate in the Commission's website.

Who will be directly affected?
The PCAR process includes an assessment of each of the University's academic programs in the Health Sciences and Academic Affairs Divisions. The final evaluation of the program, not the department, school or college/school. Each program will be evaluated using internal (and external) benchmarks contributed in its mission, strengths, weaknesses, challenges, operational performance, costs and sustainability.

What might program means to already exist?
Programs already in existence, if they are proven to be of high-quality relevant to Howard's mission, will have the benefit of additional resources, both faculty and financial, to expand and grow to become more competitive in the higher education marketplace.

Will there be new programs added as result of PCAR?
The Commission has not completed its review. It has not reached any conclusions about what, if any, new academic programs may be recommended to President Ribeau for consideration.

Are there any programs that are at a greater risk of being eliminated?
The Commission has not completed its program reviews. It has not reached any conclusions about any of the University's academic programs.

How will the review affect small programs?
Small academic programs are an important part of the University's curricular offerings. Our smaller programs will be evaluated, like all others, using the six evaluative criteria. The use of an academic program's size alone is not the only criteria that will be used in assessing our academic programs.

Will enrollment be affected?
A successful PCAR process will enhance the status of the University to increase first choice among undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

How will this affect the University's budget?
At conclusion of the PCAR initiative, the University will be able to more effectively use available financial personnel, and other resources to support the programs that it decides are most closely aligned with its mission and immediate and long-term strategic goals. At the conclusion of the process, the University will be able to better support high quality programs and improve facilities and technology by reconstituting where they are needed.

How does the President hope the changes will affect the University?
President Ribeau is confident that the PCAR initiative, joined with other process improvement actions, described in the 2009 Self-Study Report, will ensure that the University continues to address areas of critical societal and human needs through its diverse academic programs, unique research focus, mission and communities. The Commission will help the President strategically reposition resources - faculty, staff, financial and technological - to support academic programs of highest priority and quality that are central to the University's mission.

What has been the general reaction to PCAR?
The general response to the PCAR process has been positive as faculty, students and staff members have come to know more about it.

How is the review process being explained to students?
The Commission is using various mechanisms to ensure that our students are fully engaged in the PCAR initiative, including town hall meetings, a website, PUB Radio and TV interview, information provided by the Office of University Communications, and articles in the Hilltop, Captive Online and the Howard Magazine. An interactive PCAR website is available to students, faculty and staff with links to public discussion forums.

What action are you anticipating from the Students?
It is our expectation that students will react positively and appreciate the idea of PCAR moving Howard toward high-quality programs and ability to attract distinguished faculty and staff. Students, over the long-term, will ultimately reap the benefit of having a Howard University poised for the future with up-to-date, faculty and technology and a competitive faculty.

What can students do who are not on the Commission assist in the process or provide feedback to the Commission?
Students may give input through the PCAR Public forum at http://www.howardpcar.org. Students will also be able to give feedback at one of the Town Hall Meetings that have been arranged during the spring semester. The initial one will be held on March 24, 2010, beginning at 7 p.m. in the School of Business Auditorium. We are also planning two Institute of Twitter presence on that students may provide input in this manner as well.

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What you need to know about a leading disease in the African-American community

BY NAVA SCAR BROUGH

Contributing Writer

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- First deferred payment for Fall 2010 is due Thursday, July 1, 2010.
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The Ladies of the Quad Social Club invites you to attend our March Main events:

March 25
Self Defense Class
Location Hall 7-9 p.m.

March 26
Sex Love & Hate Forum
Founders Browsing Room
7-9 p.m.

UGSA Presents:
The Cotton Club: The Black Elite
March 26
7-12 PM
Tickets available in crampton
Cost: 5 dollars
All proceeds go to the Haiti Relief Fund
March 26, 2010.

Staff Applications for the CPNAHS Student Council are now available. Posted around Annex 1 (Allied Health Building).

BUY BLACK!
Howard Deli
2612 Georgia Ave
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Sandwich Special - $6.50
Shortie Beef BBQ - $6.50
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Wednesday Night Live Presents:
“Dying to Live”
6:45 PM
at the Andrew Ramsey Chapel
“ Ain’t No Party Like a Holy Ghost Party, Cuza a Holy Ghost Party Don’t Stop!”

CSU Breakthrough Conference:
“Footprints: Walking In His Love”
Powerful Workshops
March 27, Register Today in Blackburn, Quad, or Annex!

Zeta Phi Beta Clothing Drive
Today Lower Level Blackburn 11 am-2 pm

The School of Communications Student Council Presents:
“The Undergraduate Student Assembly Presents:
Le Nouveau Noir Spring Black Arts Festival”
and the events are as follows:
Thursday, March 25th
Kick of party in the Pinc 12-2
*Friday, March 26th Cotton Club 7 pm UGL
Monday, March 29th Pastor Brown Movie Night: Cranston 7 pm

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