

Provost Maurizio Trevisan warmly welcomed more than thirty College Alumni to learn about the current strategic planning initiative that will chart the course for CCNY for the next eight years. Describing the process as an all-inclusive approach involving faculty, staff, students, alumni and external community members, we continue to seek input from all who care about CCNY.

The Provost gave an overview of the process that began in spring 2013 and will culminate in a strategic plan to span the years leading the College to its 175<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2022. In summer 2014, the deans of each school and division worked diligently to draft a framework document founded on the prior work of the committees and broad-based college input. Emphasizing that City College's unique strength is its comprehensive nature, seven areas of focus emerged.

There are two parts of the strategic plan: the Framework is a broad description of the College's goals and aspirations to present a public face of what we intend to achieve; and the Implementation, which will serve as our internal manual of operations—a blueprint for success—where benchmarks, measuring progress and accountability will be key. Progress toward accomplishing our goals will be published.

The following topics were discussed:

- A supportive infrastructure to increase opportunities for students in cutting-edge interdisciplinary fields
- Student support services and advisement
- Facilities and IT infrastructure necessary to support the advancement of the College
- Create an environment to take creativity and technology to the next stage
- Increase ongoing efforts for hybrid and online courses
- Strategic goals to engage CCNY alumni include the following:
  - Engage alumni in mentoring students
  - Support internship, service learning and job placement opportunities
  - Develop professional networks
  - Strengthen collaborations with our communities
  - Institute a research mentorship system and expertise database
  - Expand continuing education opportunities for alumni
  - Cultivate strong intellectual, professional, and social relationships with and among CCNY graduate and postdoctoral alumni
  - Foster partnerships with strategic local, national and international organizations whose work provides resources, outlets for and/or promotion of research
  - Develop an effective philanthropic strategy that focuses on supporting the goals and aspirations of the College and students

Provost Trevisan thanked all for a lively discussion and for their time in coming out on an especially cold November evening to show their continuing support.