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Newark Faculty Council
Monday, March 8, 1993; 11:30 a.m.
Provost's Conference Room

Present: Professors Adam, Adler, Borisovets, Cali, Caprio, Ferguson, Kurzweil, Price, Scoloveno, Shaw, Tractenberg, Whitcomb, Vasarhelyi, Yarcheski, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Vincenti, Provost Samuels, and Ms. Wolkstein.

Absent: Professors Christian, Gartenberg, Jordan, Kimball, and Slocum.

Budget Advocacy: Don Edwards, Vice President for Public Affairs & Development, and Sharon Ainsworth, Director of State Relations, were welcomed to the Council. Mr. Edwards gave a budget history and presented material about the widening gap between the University's basic needs and State support. He echoed Provost Samuels' concern about the University's budget being a complicated one and difficult to communicate to the University's constituencies.

Ms. Ainsworth reported generally about the University's budget advocacy campaign, externally and internally, and the necessity to communicate a constructive and positive message when contacting local legislators. She distributed a list of members of the State's Senate and Assembly Budget & Appropriations Committees, as well as the 1993 Legislative Roster and the three regional editions of Rutgers Report, Spring, 1993.

Several examples of how the Newark Faculty Council can help in getting the University's message to the legislators were given, such as, identify alumni who may now be members of the legislature, ascertain faculty/staff/students/alumni and business contracts who may have a personal relationship with a New Jersey legislator. Both Ms. Ainsworth and Mr. Edwards will be glad to give advice and suggestions on communicating with such identified contacts; they ask that they be kept informed of any responses received from the legislators contacted.

They reported on the President's one-on-one meetings with the Governor Florio and several individual legislators about specific issues and concerns of the University and higher education issues in general.

Provost's Report: The Provost reported on the status of the University budget and made clear that budget cuts for FY '94 were inevitable; factors include:

- a) Possible effects related to the still unclear details in the early retirement program;
- b) funding of faculty salary increases;
- c) effects of inflation;
- d) commitments necessary for business reorganization, School of Law accreditation, faculty recruitment, ADA;
- e) continued deferred maintenance, etc.

Rutgers University Management Audit: Coopers & Lybrand's executive study was distributed. Natalie Borisovets reported that it will be discussed at the University Senate meeting on Friday, March 12. The Provost's office had just learned that John Fry or Sean Rush of Coopers & Lybrand will be on the agenda of the Administrative Forum at its meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 2 p.m., in Robeson Campus Center Room 256. Also on that agenda will be the CHEN and Science Park presentation by Dr. Russell and Mr. Vincenti. Members of the Newark Faculty Council are invited and urged to attend the March 18 Administrative Forum.

Other Matters:

Deans Searches: The Provost gave a status report on the Searches for Dean, School of Law and Dean, Faculty of Management;

Status of Business Merger: The Senate passed the business merger without dissent; it goes next to the Board of Governors. It is expected that the merger will be in place by July 1, 1993.

The Chair thanked Mr. Edwards and Ms. Ainsworth for their presentation. Professor Tractenberg apologized to Mr. Vincenti and Dr. Russell for the need to postpone CHEN and Science Park yet another time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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