

**Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
November 4, 1996 Meeting**

In attendance: Nabil Adam, FOM (Chair); Anne-Marie Cantwell, FAS-N Anthropology; Harvey Feder, Office of the Provost; Ron Hart, FAS-N Biology; Ted Hollander, Faculty of Management; Judy Jeng, Dana Library; Asela Laguna, FASN Classical & Modern Languages; Roger Lalancette, FASN Chemistry; Jan Lewis, FAS-N History; Don McCabe, Office of the Provost; Beth Norman, Nursing; Phylis Peterman, FASN Social Work; John Randall, FAS-N Math & Comp Sci; Norman Samuels, Provost; Norman Schnayer, Office of the Provost; Mary Ann Scoloveno, Nursing; Raymond Smith, Office of the Provost; Gene Vincenti, Office of the Provost; Marcia Whicker, FAS-N Public Administration

I. Provost's Report

Provost Norman Samuels and his staff discussed the items below:

1. Capital Campaign (CC) slowly approaching its commencement:

A question was asked if CC projects important to the Newark Campus can be assured of funding. The Provost explained that the CC consultants do some "reality testing" to determine what issues will be popular money raisers and take it from there. He also indicated that there is little discretionary money raised in the CC as compared to dedicated funds. The answer to the question is that it remains to be seen.

2. Middle States update:

- Committees for Newark and other Campuses have been appointed.
- Committees have been appointed for the four special topics which are: Undergraduate Education; Graduate/Professional Education and Research; Information Systems/Information Technology and QCI.

Provost Samuels stated the importance of all Newark Campus members fully participating in the Middle States process regardless of our personal feelings about the process so that our voices will be heard, our needs understood and our accomplishments recognized.

3. Distance Learning:

In response to a question, the Provost said that distance learning would be coordinated for the Campus and in the University but the coordination structure is only in its initial stages now. Don McCabe will be responsible for Campus coordination.

4. Center for Law and Justice (CLJ) Update:

Associate Provost Gene Vincenti described the approximate costs of the CLJ and its sources of funding. The building is sited at Washington and New streets and the Kinney lot across Washington St. from the site is being acquired for CLJ parking. The CLJ is 6 stories with five of them above ground and will house the School of Law, the School of Criminal Justice, the Center for Global Change and Governance and the Office of the Provost. Associate Provost Vincenti showed the building's floor plans to the Council.

In the discussion of the architect's rendering of the site, it was asked if New Street between Washington and University will be closed. Mr. Vincenti said that a portion of the street is now closed five days per week from 7:30 am until 10:30 pm and we are asking the City to close the street permanently.

5. Committee for the Future update:

Associate Provost Harvey Feder told the committee that \$4 million was reallocated from the SROA process and that the campuses had requested \$8.3 million for specific projects. We are requesting support for projects which the Campus believes has the best chance for funding. Of the seven projects for which we are asking funds, three are joint projects with other campuses:

- a. The Joint Center in Computational Biology. Newark and New Brunswick joint request. The Newark component is the Center for Computational Neuroscience. \$240k.
- b. Joint Initiative in Cognitive Neuroscience. Newark, New Brunswick and Camden. The Newark component is the proposed Center for Instructional Data Technologies and Institute for Excellence in Urban Education. \$290k.
- c. Joint Initiative in Global and International Studies. Newark, New Brunswick and Camden. The Newark component is the Center for Global Change and Governance. \$145k.

Four other projects are Newark Campus based:

- d. Computer Enhanced Undergraduate Education. \$350k.
- e. Center for Families and Community. \$255k. Nursing and Law.
- f. FOM network to connect Newark and New Brunswick. \$301k.
- g. Center for Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience. \$85k.

6. RUNet 2000 report:

Associate Provost Don McCabe told the Council that RUNet 2000 is a project for the development of voice, video and data services for the next century. The technical requirements will be developed by spring 1997 and will go out for bid. A preliminary estimate of the cost of the project runs into the tens of millions of dollars of which a large portion is to be devoted to wiring New Brunswick dorms. Dr. McCabe said at the last RUNet meeting the committee voted to reconsider two objectives: whether RUNet's responsibilities were to include comprehensive wiring, equipment and maintenance or only to the building router as recently stated; and whether New Brunswick dorms should be getting a large share of this funding.

Dr. McCabe further indicated that the prioritizing will be at two levels: Priority among the campuses and intra campus priorities. The Council heard from Dr. Adam that Camden had used a portion of its student computer fee funds to wire its dorms and wondered why New Brunswick is not using their funds for the same purpose.

Dr. McCabe also said that the search for a new RUCS Newark director was proceeding satisfactorily and he hopes that a choice will be made by early December.

7. Council Members Speak Out!

Provost Samuels said that he asked the deans to be sure to include reports by Council members at faculty meetings and asked Council members to be sure that they were included on the faculty meeting agenda.

II. Chair's report

Dr. Adam opened the floor to discussion of President Lawrence's visit scheduled for November 18. A planning meeting to discuss the Council's position for that meeting will be held NOVEMBER 11, 11:45-1:00 IN THE PROVOST'S CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE INVITED BUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OFFICERS AND PAST CHAIRS ARE ESPECIALLY URGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

Suggestions for the meeting with the President included the following questions based on the decision to have a single Middle States (MS) evaluation focussing on special topics:

- a. What is Newark's role in "one university?"
- b. Why was the faculty not consulted to voice concerns and have a greater role in the decision to have a single MS evaluation examining special topics rather than a comprehensive campus by campus evaluation?
- c. Does the President agree that the Newark Campus attain

Research University II Carnegie status?

- d. Does the President agree that the Campus MS self study be seen by the MS team without central University editing?
- e. How much time may the team visiting Newark spend on Campus?

Other suggestions included:

- f. What is the fate of funds generated by distance learning initiatives? Libraries are in dire need and scientific equipment lacks maintenance funding.
- g. Will there be a new admissions policy and Campus marketing permitted to raise the status of Rutgers Newark academic programs and Campus accommodations in the eyes of the public?

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The meeting was adjourned before Dr. Feder had the opportunity to discuss Carnegie classifications or before the subcommittee reports (Budget and Planning; Academic Affairs and Facilities) could be presented. Dr. Peterman did distribute the minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting on October 30. Members who were not present may request a copy from Dr. Peterman at extension 5841 or write to her: ppetermn@andromeda.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Schnayer
Associate Provost
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