

**Newark Faculty Council  
Minutes  
Meeting of March 3, 1997**

**In attendance:** Nabil Adam, Chair; Anne-Marie Cantwell, Harvey Feder, Janice Friedland, Ronald Hart, Judy Jeng, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Roger Lalancette, Don McCabe, Phylis Peterman, John Randall, Norman Samuels, Norman Schnayer, Mary Ann Scoloveno, Raymond Smith, Barbara Stern, Gene Vincenti.

**Absent:** Frances Bartkowski, Geraldine Brooks, Henry Christian, James Finckenauer, T. Edward Hollander, Jan Lewis, Elizabeth Norman, John Payne, Alfred Slocum, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Marcia Whicker.

**I. Provost's Report**

Provost Norman Samuels reported on the following matters:

- Marie Botticelli starts today as the new director of RUCS. A reception will be held for her on March 27 in the Robeson Campus Center.
- Thursday, March 6, the provost is sponsoring a party for all Newark staff in the Robeson Campus Center from 3:00-6:00 p.m., as an extension of the QCI initiative on the Newark campus.
- Dr. Samuels noted that the NFC may be able to offer advice on how to involve faculty in the QCI program.
- The first drafts of the Middlestates reports have been submitted, Dr. Samuels noted.
- Plans for the next round of S.R.O.A. allocations are under way.
- The Capital Campaign is progressing on schedule. A search has begun to replace Bruce Newman as director of the Rutgers Foundation, but this will not interrupt the momentum of the campaign.
- President Lawrence has decided to go ahead with salary increments for faculty promotions despite unresolved contract negotiations, since such increments are viewed as merit-related.

Answering a question, Dr. Samuels noted that one means of following up on the success of the QCI program was the questionnaires students complete upon submitting forms for their diplomas (NCAS seniors). He also mentioned that new staff orientation programs include QCI training.

Commenting on how the humanities and social sciences fit in with research support, Dr. Samuels referred to the Campus Strategic Plan which outlines our priorities quite clearly. Areas with doctoral programs, including departments which place more emphasis on research, receive preferential consideration. This does not however diminish the importance of the humanities and social sciences in other forms of support.

## **II. Chair's Report**

Dr. Nabil Adam reported on the following items:

- The President's Advisory Committee met with President Lawrence on February 14. Among the topics discussed were promotion increments for faculty, which the president has announced will be supported.
- Regarding Ray Caprio's request for Newark faculty to serve on the Electronic Teaching and Faculty Development Task Force, Nabil Adam will meet with Don McCabe to appoint members of the NFC and other Newark faculty. Discussion followed on the need to establish clear policy on distance learning, since there are currently no uniform guidelines. Don McCabe distributed an article from the American Association of Higher Education on this topic.
- Elections for NFC are in progress to replace members whose terms expire on June 30, 1997.

## **III. Student Scholarships/Student Computing Fee Accountability**

Roger Lalancette addressed the issue of scholarships being offered for Rutgers Camden. Dr. Samuels explained that since Camden's enrollment has decreased dramatically over the past few years, the university will offer free tuition to that campus to a number of high-achieving students. It was agreed that Newark needs to target the stronger campus programs in order to have a competitive edge.

Dr. Lalancette also raised the issue of how student computing fees are allocated. Don McCabe explained that there is a very precise accounting of student computing fee distribution