

**Newark Faculty Council  
Minutes  
Meeting of April 7, 1997**

**In attendance:** Nabil Adam, Chair; Frances Bartkowski, Harvey Feder, Janice Friedland, Ronald Hart, T. Edward Hollander, Judy Jeng, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Don McCabe, John Payne, Norman Samuels, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Gene Vincenti, Marcia Whicker.

**Absent:** Anne-Marie Cantwell, Geraldine Brooks, James Finckenauer, Roger Lalancette, Jan Lewis, Elizabeth Norman, Phylis Peterman, John Randall, Norman Schnayer, Mary Ann Scoloveno, Alfred Slocum, Raymond Smith, Barbara Stern.

**I. Chair's Report**

Dr. Nabil Adam discussed the following items:

- Agenda items for the next President's Advisory Committee meeting with the President as per Paul Leath's memo to Joseph Seneca.
- Faculty Council appointments to Ray Caprio's Electronic Teaching and Faculty Development Task Force.
- SROA funding - Associate Provost Harvey Feder reported to the council that he expects 7 to 10 projects to be funded in the new round of funding, which will include continuation of the existing projects. New project proposals are due by the end of April.

Discussion followed on a proposal for a Neuroscience center in New Brunswick which may pose a conflict with the Newark center.

**II. Computing Update - Introduction of Marie Botticelli, Director of RUCS-Newark**

Associate Provost Don McCabe introduced Ms. Botticelli, who outlined the priorities she has set for the Newark Campus Computing Services. She emphasized the importance of stabilizing systems and repairing lab equipment and noted that plans are being made to refurbish Hill Hall labs. Dr. Miklos Vasarhelyi pointed out the need to upgrade Englehard Hall Rm. 309 and stressed a need for additional projection classrooms. Don McCabe noted that the laboratory in the basement of Ackerson Hall will become a monitored access lab, which will may free some space in Hill Hall labs. He also mentioned that Dana Library has a projection lab which may be reserved through the Scheduling Office.

### III. Provost's Report

Provost Norman Samuels reported on the following:

- Dr. Samuels was at the opening of World Week, a program held jointly by Rutgers-Newark and NJIT to celebrate diversity.
- Union negotiations between faculty and the central administration are in the fact finding stage. The union is currently presenting its case and the university will do the same over the summer. After recommendations by the fact finder are made, negotiating will resume.
- Although the university budget is currently level, should the governor's bond proposal be defeated, the budget outlook may change
- SROA planning is underway for the next round.
- Capital Campaign planning is proceeding and a search is being conducted for a new Rutgers Foundation president.
- The Commission on Higher Education is forming a committee to study various issues relating to higher education, including redundancy.
- The Middlestates Report will remain true to the campus Strategic Plan.

### IV. Budget and Planning Committee Report

John Randall reported on the concerns of the Budget and Planning Committee regarding distance learning and the need to establish policy in this regard. Nabil Adam noted that Ray Caprio's task force will be addressing this issue and suggested that Dr. Randall meet with Associate Provost Don McCabe to go over more immediate concerns of the committee.

### V. Other Matters

The Newark Faculty Council and the Office of the Provost note with deep sadness the passing of Dr. Henry Christian. Dr. Christian, professor in the English Department, was a valued member of the Newark faculty and he will be greatly missed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. **The next meeting of the Newark Faculty Council is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. in the Provost's Conference Room. Please send agenda items to Janice Friedland (tel.: 5541, fax: 1048, E-mail: jafried@andromeda) by Monday, April 28.**