

Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2000 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost's Conference Room
Center for Law and Justice - 5th Floor

In attendance: Jane Gilman, Marc Holzer, Patricia Hurley, Jonathan Hyman, Barry Komisaruk, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Anne Magro, Nancy Redeker, Wen-Hua Ren, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Virginia Tiger, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Norman Samuels, Harvey Feder, George Laskaris, Norman Schnayer, Raymond Smith, Helen Paxton, Janice Friedland.

I Provost's Report - Provost Samuels reported on the following matters:

- The new CLJ building, Dr. Samuels noted, is the best equipped single-building Law School in the Country, and the Criminal Justice program is also the best-equipped nationwide.
- Facilities Improvement Fund - the University will receive overall \$200 million for capital improvements and deferred maintenance. Newark will receive about \$35-40 million. The Campus' recommendations will go to the Board of Governors . Because of the Seton Hall fire, many facilities will have to be upgraded, mostly on the New Brunswick campus. This will use some of the university funds. Newark dormitories are fully sprinklered, so we will not have to spend as much of our allotment. In addition to deferred maintenance projects, the campus is proposing some new labs and classrooms. Dr. Samuels offered to meet with the Faculty Council Executive Committee to get their reactions to this program.
- State Budget - The university will receive a 2.5% increase in the base budget. If certain performance standards are met (transfer students, retention rate, etc.), another percent is possible. The State will continue to cover fringe benefits. Additional increases resulting from negotiated settlements will not be fully covered. Increases in TAG, EOF, ELF, and HEFT funding are also provided.
- Campus fund raising efforts - The Law School has received significant contributions, including a \$2 million funded chair and a \$1 million gift to name a courtroom in the new building. FAS-N received a gift for the Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies.

II Campus Communications - Helen Paxton reported to the council on the activities of her department. She explained that the focus of Campus Communications is 80% on external relations and advancement - conveying the campus' achievements to the outside world. The other 20% is devoted to internal communications, including the *President's Update*, *RU-N Connections* and the *Campus Annual Report* (Provost's Report). Media relations include print and broadcast media and connecting faculty experts to reporters. Other media promoters on campus are Dave Muha in FoM and Debora Smith of the Law School.

The Rutgers-Newark web site has been newly organized. Ms. Paxton encouraged faculty to make this their home page. She also asked that her department be kept informed of grants and new initiatives. She also reported on the Academic Challenge

which will be held on this campus on Sat., March 11th . Faculty volunteers are still needed to serve as proctors.

III Chair's Report - Marc Holzer

- Council members were asked to volunteer for one of three subcommittees.
- Marc Holzer reported on the recent meeting with President Lawrence of the Faculty Advisory Committee (comprised of three faculty council members from each campus). A topic which needs further discussion, Dr. Holzer noted, is distance learning and the university's policy in that regard. Dr. Samuels remarked that Ray Caprio, who is writing the draft policy, has been in the hospital. Other schools are grappling with the same issue. This is a good topic for the Academic Affairs subcommittee.
- Provost Lecture Series – It is hoped that this program will get underway next fall and a suggestion was offered to invite each dean to provide a speaker. The series could be advertised via posters, the Newark special events web site, and broadcast email. Helen Paxton also suggested a Newark City component - offering admission to city residents and workers.
- Asela Laguna-Diaz noted that a Portuguese Nobel Prize winner will be on campus in September and could possibly be the first speaker.
- Dr. Holzer thanked Helen Paxton for building an efficient Department of Campus Communications and for her assistance.
- Dr. Schnayer announced that broadcast email lists will be available this month. Email may then be sent to various groups in Newark and throughout the university. He is the moderator for this campus.

IV Enrolment - Ray Smith announced an Open House on April 15th and encouraged faculty to attend to interact with prospective students. Attracting students to the campus is critical since enrolment has declined over the past few years. Not only are the numbers important in themselves, but funding for the campus and number of staff lines relate closely to enrolment figures.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is on Monday, March 20, 2000 in the Provost's Conference Room, 123 Washington Street, 5th floor.