

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Minutes**  
**November 17, 1997 - Provost's Conference Room**

**In attendance:** Anne-Marie Cantwell, Jane Gilman, John Graham, Judy Jeng, Barry Komisaruk, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Roger Lalancette, Anne Magro, John Payne, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Mary Ann Scoloveno, Barbara Stern, Ted Szatrowski, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Norman Samuels, Harvey Feder, Don McCabe, Ray Smith, Gene Vincenti, Janice Friedland.

**I. Provost's Report**

Dr. Samuels reported on the following matters:

- Reinvestment in Rutgers - President Lawrence has introduced a new plan to distribute a one-time allocation of \$3.9 million among the campuses for a variety of projects. The funds are a result of \$12 million additional from the State and a raise in tuition last July. Newark campus will receive \$600,000 for academic initiatives and \$500,000 for academic facilities. Other funds are earmarked for the university-wide library system and RUnet 2000.
- Dr. Samuels met recently with deans on the Newark Campus to determine their immediate needs.
- The provost would like to schedule a meeting with the Newark Faculty Council Budget Committee to solicit their input.
- Dr. Samuels suggested that Dennis Lower, Director of the University Heights Science Park, be invited to a Faculty Council meeting to give a presentation.
- The search committee for Dean of the School of Criminal Justice has met and the FAS Dean search committee will meet this week. Committee lists will be sent with the minutes of this meeting.

**II. Presentation on Rutgers Newark Honors College - Elizabeth Mitchell**

Dr. Mitchell described the Honors College which began in 1972 with just a few students, and has grown to over 100 juniors and seniors this year. At the initiative of Dean Hosford and a FAS-N faculty committee, the college has been extended from a junior and senior program to a four year program. Currently, the junior scholars are working on a course with the theme, "What is the Good Life," which will stress collaborative work leading to group presentations, as well as independent scholarship and projects.

Recruitment plans are being designed to attract the best and brightest students. Sophomores and some freshman are to be targeted. Dr. Mitchell is working with the Honors Advisory Council on curriculum. Sophomores will enrol in complementary history and literature courses to meet four times a week. Faculty will be invited to teach courses emphasizing research techniques. Lavinia Boxhill and Liz Mitchell are developing fund raising strategies since existing FAS funding is not being tapped. Coordination with FoM and the Nursing School will be discussed. The Registrar is considering an 'HC' designation for honors courses. Questions raised were:

- how to handle transfer students
- the type of degree to be conferred.
- the School of Management was also a matter to be considered.
- CARR and Presidential Scholarships - how to link them
- Program promotion to be coordinated with Campus Communications and Newark Admissions targeting the best feeder high schools.

Nominations of RU-N students for the program (having 3.6 GPA or greater), must be accompanied by a description of the student's intellectual ambitions. Incoming students' SATs and class rank will be considered, as well as letters from guidance counselors.

Dr. Asela Laguna-Diaz suggested that Dr. Mitchell contact departmental chairs to present the program and actively publicize it. Dr. Mitchell will be making a presentation at an upcoming FoM faculty meeting.

### **III. Chair's Report**

Asela described the October 27<sup>th</sup> AAUP rally in Trenton, noting the large Newark representation. She also described President Lawrence's announcements at the Senate meeting regarding the Reinvestment in Rutgers, and his intentions to lobby for the university in Washington DC. She noted the President emphasized that faculty and staff need to keep informed about national Affirmative Action issues affecting higher education.

At the recent meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee, composed of three faculty council members from each campus, the president addressed contract negotiations among other issues. One topic raised by the Newark group was the lack of a coordinated vision in the arena of international programs and studies.

Mary Ann Scoloveno suggested that the president be apprised of safety concerns on campus, noting that there have been several car thefts recently near Ackerson Hall.

### **IV Middlestates**

Norman Schnayer and Harvey Feder gave an overview of the Newark Campus self study for the Middlestates report, a draft of which has been circulated and final revisions will be made shortly. Membership of the visiting review team, due on campus on March 31, 1998, has not yet been disclosed. The report builds on the 1994 Newark Strategic Plan, introducing major campus goals, with special emphasis on the sciences and professional and graduate programs, community outreach, and promotion of the schools of Law, Criminal Justice and Faculty of Management.

### **I. Other Business**

Dr. Samuels noted that Rutgers-Newark compares favorably with other similar institutions in retention statistics.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for December 15.**