

**Newark Faculty Council  
Minutes  
Meeting of Monday, September 14, 1998  
Provost Conference Room**

**In attendance:** Anne-Marie Cantwell, Nancy DiTomaso, Jane Gilman, John Graham, Ronald Hart, Carol Heffernan, Marc Holzer, Jonathan Hyman, Barry Komisaruk, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Nancy Redeker, Wen-Hua Ren, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Barbara Stern, Mercer Sullivan, Ted Szatrowski, Norman Samuels, Harvey Feder, Don McCabe, Norman Schnayer, Raymond Smith, Gene Vincenti.

**I Provost's Report**

Provost Samuels discussed the following matters:

- US News and World Report has reported that Rutgers University is among the top 100 of public AAU member colleges in the country, and Rutgers-Newark is rated first in terms of diversity.
- Dr. Samuels brought the council up to date on new deans and positions yet to be filled. Dr. Steven Diner is the new FASN dean and Dr. Leslie Kennedy is dean of the School of Criminal Justice. Dr. Rosa Oppenheim is acting dean of the Faculty of Management and Dr. Eric Neisser is acting dean of the School of Law. The search for FoM Dean is nearing conclusion. Three final candidates are currently being interviewed by the President. The Law School dean search will begin shortly.
- RUNet 2000 is moving ahead, with computer upgrades and increased internet access anticipated shortly.
- The provost reported as well on other exciting Newark news:
  - University Heights Science Park is beginning to develop as a major research center.
  - NJPAC had half a million people attend since opening in October.
  - Waterfront development plans are in progress.
  - A minor league baseball stadium is being built and a sports arena is being planned for the city of Newark.
- The university has received a State break-even budget for this fiscal year.
- Dr. Samuels also went over the successful Middlestates reaccreditation which gave Rutgers University the best report it has had in 20 years.
- The provost noted that renewed AAUP contract negotiations will begin soon.

**II Election of Chair and Executive Officers**

Election results :

Chair: Charles Russell, Dept. of English  
Vice-Chair: Marc Holzer, Public Administration  
Secretary: Ted Szatrowski, FoM

Executive committee members: Jane Gilman, Math & Computer Sci.  
Asela Laguna-Diaz, Class./Mod. Lang./Lit.  
Diana Sclar, School of Law

### **III Other Business**

Council members also discussed information concerning the Writing Center and Honors Program. These matters will be highlighted throughout the coming year.

The next Newark Faculty Council meeting will be 11:30 a.m., Monday, October 26, 1998 in the Provost Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 15 Washington Street. Please send proposed agenda items at least a week before to Janice Friedland at the Provost's Office – jafried@andromeda.