

Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, December 7, 1998
Provost Conference Room

In attendance: Nancy DiTomaso, Jane Gilman, John Graham, Jonathan Hyman, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Wen-Hua Ren, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Barbara Stern, Mercer Sullivan, Ted Szatrowski, Myroslave Znayenko, Norman Samuels, Donald McCabe, Norman Schnayer, Janice Friedland.

I. Provost's Report

Provost Samuels made the following announcements:

- Dept. of Social Work Prof. Phylis Peterman's daughter, Carla, has been selected to be a Rhodes Scholar.
- Carol Martancik of FoM is the new Associate Provost for Administrative Services.
- The new FoM dean, Howard Tuckman, begins on January 1st.

Dr. Samuels reported on the following agenda items:

- A. Reinvest In Rutgers (R.I.R.) - Deans have submitted proposals for many worthwhile projects, which are currently under review. A total of \$500,000 has been slated for academic facilities, and about \$600,000 for new academic programs.
- B. FASIP- Norman Schnayer indicated that decisions would not be made before April.
- C. AAUP/NJEA competition - Chris Berzinski, who stepped down as head of the AAUP, has taken a position with the NJEA. A letter was sent from him directed to all faculty to draw support for the NJEA as faculty union. This competition could affect contract negotiations.
- D. The Governor's January budget message will announce a new program for deferred maintenance and construction for higher education. Rutgers University as a whole could see approximately \$160 million. The Newark Campus could expect to receive 20 percent. Provost Samuels urged the Faculty Council to think about campus needs.

II Chair's Report

Charles Russell introduced the following topics:

- A. Strategic Plan Highlights – Dr. Russell reviewed items contained in the Newark Strategic Plan, noting most of the goals have been met.
- B. President's Advisory Committee - The Committee met with President Lawrence on November 13th and discussed the State's involvement in budget funding limitations, the need to attract better graduate students/TAs, among other topics.
- C. AAUP/NJEA competition - Speculation has been made as to whether the faculty councils would be able to substitute for the unions.
- D. Faculty Web Site - Pending receipt of new equipment, the site should be operational around the end of December.
- E. University Senate - It was agreed that if the NFC Chair cannot attend a meeting, he will designate another Council member. Some NFC members are also

senators.

III Subcommittee Reports

- A. **Campus Facilities, Security and Student Services** - Chair John Graham reported that his committee met with Marty Ryan of Physical Plant who was responsive to the committee's suggestions, including the addition of elevators in Hill Hall to the list of deferred maintenance projects. **Physical Plant may be reached 24 hours a day at extension 5441 or by sending email to Mr. Ryan at mdryan@andromeda.rutgers.edu.** Mr. Ryan is available to meet with the NFC at one of the upcoming meetings. A suggestion was made that the list of preferred maintenance projects be shared with the Faculty Council. The committee is also scheduled to meet with the Chief of Police, Otto Cilenti. Wen Ren thanked the Provost Office for the improvements (grass/walkways) on the Campus Plaza
- B. **Budget Committee** - Diana Selar reported that the committee will meet with Provost Samuels in the Spring for a budget update. The committee outlined its function as support for the Faculty Council and communication link to the Newark faculty. They would also like to research the issue of stipends for teaching assistants. It was noted that low TA stipends may sometimes be offset through grants, travel money, research assistance, and summer employment.

IV Other Business

Barbara Stern reiterated her concerns about unfavorable comments regarding the Newark Campus, expressed by some FoM faculty members in New Brunswick. Dr. Samuels suggested the best way to deal with such remarks was to emphasize the successes of the Newark Campus in graduating students who overcome many disadvantages, yet go on to forge formidable careers. The true worth of the campus resides in the achievements of graduates. Dr. Samuels expressed dismay at the insensitivity of faculty expressing derogatory remarks.

Charles Russell requested subcommittees to review the Strategic Plan items which need to be addressed.

Don McCabe updated the Council on Admissions and Recruitment matters, noting that University College in New Brunswick is becoming more competitive. The Newark Admissions Department recently held a recruitment event at the Gateway Center which attracted 170 people, mostly for the professional programs. The Newark campus Enrolment and Management Task Forces is available to report to the NFC at a future meeting.

To be discussed at the next meeting: Student Services and Campus Growth.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting will be on Monday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the Provost Conference Room. Please send agenda item suggestions to Janice Friedland (jafried@andromeda).

Happy Holidays!!!