

Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, April 12, 1999 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost Conference Room

In attendance: Ann-Marie Cantwell, Nancy DiTomaso, John Graham, Ronald Hart, Carol Heffenan, Patricia Hurley, Barry Komisaruk, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Nancy Redeker, Wen-Hua Ren, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Ted Szatrowski, Myroslave Znayenko, Norman Samuels, Carol Martancik, Norman Schnayer, Raymond Smith, Gene Vincenti, Janice Friedland.

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

- A. Budget Matters: The outlook for this year is positive, since the university will receive a 3.5% increase in funding from the State. The State will also continue to fund employee benefits and the Outstanding Scholars Recruitment Fund. However, these additional funds will be offset by any negotiated settlement salary increases and inflation. Tuition increases will be necessary but have to be kept low.

Capital Improvement funding - The State's funding proposal for capital improvements could bring approximately \$169 million to the university, but it is not yet clear whether these funds may be used for anything except purely deferred maintenance items. A list of campus needs has been compiled which covers new construction projects as well as maintenance needs. One of the priorities would be improved laboratory facilities.

- B. New Associate Provost: Dr. Samuels announced that Associate Provost Don McCabe will be returning to the faculty unofficially as of May 1st, but will follow through with several provostial projects through July 1, 1999. George Laskaris, Director of RUCS, will join the provost's staff as Associate Provost with a concentration on computing matters.
- C. Admissions numbers have increased significantly for the coming year. An open house will be held this Sunday.
- D. Labor Negotiations - talks between the central administration and the AAUP are progressing in a cooperative manner and it is hoped that an agreement may be reached within a year.
- E. SROA - Preliminary decisions may be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

II Chair's Report - Charles Russell reported on the following items:

- He addressed the Senate at the last meeting.
- A letter has been sent to all Newark faculty informing them that web site discussion groups have been established on the NFC web site:

<http://fc.rutgers.edu>

- The executive committee met recently.
- The Academic Affairs subcommittee have started a discussion by email. Marc Holzer will be able to report soon on their discussions.
- Dr. Russell met with FASN Dean Steven Diner. They discussed, among other topics, the Center for Metropolitan Studies which seeks to promote student internships in the city of Newark and cooperative programs with the city schools. Marc Holzer will head a committee to develop a proposal for a HUD grant. A consultant has been hired as well.
- A Senate Revitalization Committee has been formed to suggest ways to increase faculty involvement. It has been proposed that Faculty Councils take part in choosing senators. The committee has also proposed establishing a joint campus faculty council to develop university-wide positions.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee (comprised of 3 representatives from each campus) met with President Lawrence and Vice President Joseph Seneca last week. One topic discussed was a proposed pilot 3-week winter session (between semesters). This raises the question of on-load and off-load courses which is really the domain of the deans/departments.
- Discussion followed on web-based courses. The university is developing interim guidelines and has drawn up a model contract. CSPAD is examining this issue and a university-wide committee may also be convened.
- Further discussion on this topic on the possibility of hiring an outside firm to develop a curriculum format to insure uniformity.
- Guidelines for Newark-based off-campus and continuing education programs have been developed and are enclosed.

III Committee Report - Campus Facilities/Security/Student Services

John Graham reported that this committee met with police Chief Otto Cilenti. The report has been posted on the web site. Chief Cilenti's office is now located in Blumenthal Hall.

IV Special Recognition for Professor Marcia Whicker, who passed away recently. The Faculty Council recognizes the significant contributions made by Professor Whicker, as Chair of the Department of Public Administration, and in her long service to the university and campus. She was responsible for the *US News and World Report's* selection of Rutgers-Newark as most diversified campus. She assured that diversity will be considered in their report formulae.

V New Business

There was some discussion on the new travel procedures instituted by the university. Five agencies are now approved for university business travel.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 1999, at 11:30 in the Provost's Conference Room.

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