

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting of Monday, September 18, 2000 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Provost's Conference Room**  
**CLJ - 5<sup>th</sup> floor**

**In attendance:** N. Adam, A. Cantwell, M. Cheng, B. Ferguson, P. Hurley, J. Hyman, N. Mahon, J. Randall, W. Ren, D. Sclar, M. Sullivan, V. Tiger; N. Samuels, H. Feder, C. Martancik, N. Schnayer, R. Smith, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland.

**I Chair's Welcome** - Nabil Adam welcomed new members to the Newark Faculty Council and introduced Provost Samuels.

**II Provost's Report** - Dr. Samuels discussed the following matters:

- Budget - The university will receive a modest increase of \$8 million from the State. In light of salary increases and inflation, however, this will not go far.
- Tuition will rise 5%.
- A new capital improvement fund for infrastructure will bring the university \$200 million over the next few years. Newark campus will receive ~ \$40 million.
- R.I.R. - About ½ million dollars in permanent funds and ½ million dollars in one-time money designated for information technology projects and staffing.
- SROA projects will be funded for \$4 million university-wide.
- RUNet 2000 projects are ongoing.
- R.I.A.S. - Rutgers Integrated Administrative System - will integrate human resources, grant processing, and business systems with an Oracle database.
- University Fund Raising - Faculty grants are at ~ \$186 million. Fund raising gifts university-wide from alumni and corporate sponsors amount to ~ \$80 million.
- *US News & World Report* has rated Rutgers-Newark #1 for Diversity.
- RU-N is close to entering the Carnegie Classification category of "extensive" Doctoral Research University. We have 13 out of 15 required graduate programs and we graduated more than 50 advanced degree students last year.
- RU-N is listed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> academic tier by *US News & World Reports* which puts the campus among the top 125-150 schools in the country.
- Dr. Samuels urged the faculty to acknowledge Rutgers-NEWARK in journal submissions.
- Enrolment: Ray Smith reported increases in NCAS and UC enrolment, but we have not met our goals for transfer students. An Enrolment Task Force Committee will discuss this matter shortly. The Provost Scholarship Program and Honors College have been attracting more students with higher test scores.
- Dr. Samuels emphasized that as the city of Newark is better perceived, so is the campus.

**III Election of NFC Officers**

The following members were elected to serve on the NFC Executive Cabinet:

Chair:	Nabil Adam
Vice-Chair:	Virginia Tiger
Secretary:	Rachel Hadas
Cabinet Members :	John Randall
	Diana Sclar
	Patricia Hurley

#### **IV NFC Focus Items**

Former Chair, Marc Holzer, reviewed last year's discussions. As a result of the spring Distance Learning Seminar, the provost has given a stipend to one of Dr. Holzer's graduate students to research related tools, web sites and models available. Last year's dialog on campus community led to a proposed faculty lecture series. Dr. Adam urged members to make suggestions on how to proceed with these items. He also asked for ideas on discussion topics for the Presidential Advisory Committee which meets with President Lawrence several times a year. The committee is comprised of three members from each of the three campus faculty councils. Suggestions may be sent to Janice Friedland at [jafried@andromeda](mailto:jafried@andromeda), or fax ext. 1048.

#### **V New Business**

Brian Ferguson introduced a discussion on campus transportation difficulties. The routes for both the campus bus and shuttle to Penn Station are erratic. Newark city buses, including the Loop often do not stop at designated locations. This poses problems particularly for evening students. Associate Provost Gene Vincenti said he will look into this matter. He indicated that repairs are scheduled for the subway system including plans for an additional route.

Dr. Samuels reported that Associate Provost George Laskaris regrettably is leaving to work on an state-wide university computing system. His office will be based at NJIT, but he will continue to work on some Newark campus projects.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. The **next Newark Faculty Council meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Provost's Conference Room - 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Center for Law & Justice**. Please send any suggestions for agenda items to Janice Friedland, x 3334, fax: x 1048, or [jafried@andromeda](mailto:jafried@andromeda).

