

Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, April 2, 2001 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost's Conference Room - CLJ - 5th floor

In attendance: Professors N. Adam, K. Callahan, B. Ferguson, P. Hurley, L. Joel, T. Pratt, J. Randall, W. Ren, V. Tiger, M. Znayenko; Provost, N. Samuels; Associate Provosts, H. Feder, C. Martancik, N. Schnayer, R. Smith, G. Vincenti; Asst. to the Provost, J. Friedland.

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

- ASPA Conference: The annual conference of the American Society for Public Administrators was held on campus on March 10-13. Nabil Adam suggested the Newark Faculty Council issue a letter of congratulations to the Dept. of Public Administration (Marc Holzer) for the success of the conference, which was the largest ever held and made use of facilities throughout the campus and its environs.
- Meetings have been under way, and consultants have been hired, to discuss the physical planning aspects of a potential increase in Rutgers University enrolment.
- The University Senate is considering a report on the evaluation of deans, which suggests that faculty and other campus constituents have input in judging their performance. Provost Samuels noted that he meets annually with Newark campus deans and seeks input from Associate Provosts and others before forwarding recommendations to the President, who has final discretion in this matter. The Senate report recommends that faculty be surveyed every five years, with results submitted to the President, Provost and President of the Senate only. Discussion followed on the reliability of this kind of survey, and comparisons were made to current student surveys on faculty which were deemed by most to have negligible value.

II Chair's Report - Nabil Adam addressed the following items:

- Senators-At-Large – Members were urged to remind their colleagues that nominations or volunteers are still needed for two open slots on the University Senate.
- The council further discussed the ASPA conference. Wen-Hua Ren noted that presentations held at Dana Library were attended by some very high-level scholars from China, emphasizing the positive attention the conference received.
- It was suggested that Campus Communications make an effort to place an article

in the Focus newspaper on the ASPA conference.

- Websites – The council discussed the need to resurrect the Newark Faculty Council website. It was also suggested that Marc Holzer’s Distance Learning website be linked to the Newark Campus website. Janice Friedland will contact Helen Paxton’s office in this regard.
- The next meeting of the President’s Advisory Council will be on April 19th in Camden. Nabil Adam, John Randall, and Lucille Joel will attend (amended 4/4/01- Virginia Tiger will attend in Lucille Joel’s place). Suggested topics were:
 - Need for direct faculty input into promotional and recruitment decisions currently directed by the University Admissions Office. Also suggested to expand publicity/promotion of Rutgers University and Rutgers-Newark in newspapers, particularly educational supplements. Even though this may not be as cost effective as other means of promotion, it is deemed necessary to be competitive with peer institutions and to be visible to our customers (potential students, New Jersey constituents). It was noted that a campus-wide Enrolment Task Force chaired by Dean Diner is dealing with some of these issues. Dean Diner, as well as Admissions and Financial Aid units could provide further information in this regard.
 - Senate proposal for a new College of Applied and Professional Studies and the larger issue of off-campus programs. Vice President Ray Caprio is promoting this proposal. The Chair of the designated Senate Committee is Kathy Scott. The full proposal is on the website:

<http://senate.rutgers.edu/capsprop.html>

III Expansion Committee Report

Virginia Tiger went over the report which was distributed to council members. The committee endorsed Rutgers-Newark’s participation in the expansion process, with the gradual addition of 2,000 undergraduate students by the year 2006. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adopt the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. **The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is on Monday, May 7, 2001 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Provost Conference Room - 5th floor CLJ.