

Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, May 7, 2001 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost's Conference Room - CLJ - 5th floor

In attendance: Professors N. Adam, K. Callahan, M. Cheng, B. Ferguson, P. Hurley, Jon Hyman, A. Laguna-Diaz, M. Long, T. Pratt, J. Randall, W. Ren, D. Sclar, 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 RUTV/RUNet

Joe Sanders, University Director for Communications and Christopher Waters, Assistant Director for Video Network Services described plans for video and cable services throughout the university. Once RUNet is completed, the increased bandwidth will permit video activation. Buildings have been selected to receive this service based on campus needs. Existing State EZPass networks will be used to connect the campuses. The system will allow for commercial and university cable and web transmission. Harvey Feder is the point of contact for Newark. It was suggested that a NFC member serve on a local planning committee. Nat Kaplan, Associate Director of Computing in Newark was introduced.

II Chair's Report

Nabil Adam has agreed to serve as NFC chair for the fall semester since Virginia Tiger, Chair Elect, will be on sabbatical. Nominations will be solicited for members of the Executive Cabinet.

Nabil Adam and John Randall met with other members of the President's Advisory Committee, President Lawrence and Vice President Joseph Seneca. The President and Dr. Seneca postponed discussion about the proposed Rutgers College of Applied and Professional Studies until the next meeting. Discussion followed which reflected the NFC's concerns about this program. Students must have 60 credits to enter the program, so it cannot grant a two-year Associate's degree. There were, however, other concerns, among which were:

- The proposed program would duplicate existing programs.
- What would be the impact on University College and existing continuing education programs?
- Which University unit will administer the program?
- How will quality be ensured, as it is in other degree programs? How will faculty be involved?
- How will the program affect recruitment and would the university's image be diluted by having an inexpensive program?
- How does it relate to distance learning and off-campus programs?

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

"The Newark Faculty Council (NFC) urges that the University Administration not present the Proposal to Establish Rutgers University College of Applied and Professional Studies (RU-CAPS) to the Board of Governors until University faculty, including, but not limited to the NFC, the New Brunswick Faculty Council and the University Senate have reviewed the Proposal, as modified April 4, 2001, comprehensively. The NFC has strong concerns about the potential problems of establishing RU-CAPS without first having addressed issues the NFC identified preliminarily at its May 7, 2001 meeting. A written list of these issues will be appended to this Resolution."

The New Brunswick Faculty Council has suggested holding joint meetings with the NFC as well as combining efforts on common issues. It was decided to respond that since the two campuses have different environments and unique concerns, the NFC does not feel a combined membership is necessary, but would be receptive to continued communication.

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

- Rutgers-Newark has the highest salaries for women and third highest for men of any public university as reported by *ACADEME* in the March-April issue.
- He invited all to the New Street Plaza opening celebration following the meeting.
- The campus Open House was a success and admissions numbers are on the rise.
- The BoG approved a Capital Campaign with a goal of raising one half million dollars.
- He also reported on various campus and city-related projects.

Nabil Adam thanked the Council for their participation throughout the year and wished everyone a happy summer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.