

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Meeting of Monday, October 13, 2003**  
**CLJ - Provost Conference Room - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Nabil Adam, Edward Boylan, Mei-Fang Cheng, Johnna Christian, Nancy Diaz, Dennis Gale, Sharon Gifford, John Graham, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Noreen Mahon, Charles Russell, Wen-Hua Ren, Diana Sclar, Ted Szatrowski, Barbara Stern, Adela Yarcheski, Laszlo Zaborszky, Myroslava Znayenko; Steven Diner; Marcia Brown, Heidi Szymanski, Gene Vincenti; Janice Friedland

**I. Introductions** - Diana Sclar introduced new and returning members to the Council. She expressed the desire for the Council to be more involved this year.

**II. Provost's Report** - Dr. Diner reported on several issues:

- **Enrollment** - This year's enrolment is the highest ever for Rutgers-Newark, at approximately 10,450 – about 100 more than last year. The goal for the campus is to increase the number of students without sacrificing academic integrity.
- **Housing** - The need for campus housing is becoming ever more pressing. There are just under 90 students staying at the Robert Treat Hotel, approximately 25-30 at NJIT. The campus dorms are tripling students in every suite. Plans are underway to build a new 12 story undergraduate dorm in the parking lot near University Bookstore on University Avenue. It is anticipated that the building will be ready in August 2005.
- **Parking** - Because of the president's commitment to devolution, end of the year funds will be divided among the campuses, in proportion to enrollment, and will help to fund another level to Deck 2, adding about 200 spaces. Additional graduate housing is also being planned, some of which could occasionally serve as housing for visiting scholars. Edison Parking and the Newark Museum are discussing partnering with us on parking facilities.
- **Devolution** - Many campus divisions now report directly to the campus administration and include Financial Aid, Registrar, Admissions, Health Services, Psychological Services, Learning Resource Center, and others. The Newark and Camden provosts will now be listed as University Officers with signing authority. The provost will soon have authority to sign off on grants. The animal care facility will eventually report here as well. The Faculty Council will have to decide whether it wants to recommend a change in the PRC - to give the Newark campus greater responsibility for promotion, reappointment and tenure decisions - and so advise the provost.
- **Advisory Committee on Public Safety** - Dr. Diner has appointed this committee to advise Executive Vice Provost Gene Vincenti and Police Chief Martin Roddini. Associate Provost Marcia Brown will serve as committee chair. Asela Laguna-Diaz has agreed to represent the Faculty Council. The goal is to promote better communication between the police and the greater campus community. It was suggested that email be sent to the faculty in this regard.
- **Lunches with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year faculty** - Dr. Diner held three separate luncheons for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year tenure track faculty to discuss their experiences on campus so

far and to answer any questions about the tenure process.

- **Commission on Jobs Growth and Economic Development (JGED)** - Major proposals were prepared over the summer, six from Newark, for an upcoming bond issue in November 2004 of \$2-3 billion, a portion of which will go toward enhancing scientific infrastructure in New Jersey. This ties in with the restructuring project. The Newark proposals are all collaborative with neighboring institutions. Another portion of the bond proposal would target capacity in New Jersey post secondary institutions to include research and state universities.
- **Report of the University Committee-North** - The UC-N committee (Charles Russell and Barbara Stern are members) has been constructing a draft of the report due to the Strategic Planning committee on October 23. Three subcommittees have also met: Academic Issues, Physical Master Planning, and Research.

The report will include a series of caveats and is a first cut of what a combined university could look like. The report will include proposed mission, goals and distinctive features; research strengths and opportunities; discussion of overlapping units and how they might be combined; public health issues; multi-campus programs (ie, Nursing, Business School, School of Public Health); and a Physical Planning section. It would advocate autonomy for the new structure and creation of three separate universities. Expense is a critical concern and a strong commitment of funding will be necessary. Task forces for Human Resources, Libraries, Health and Hospital Affairs, and Finance are also meeting university-wide.

### III. Chair's Report

Diana Sclar agreed with Provost Diner that the Newark Faculty Council needs to be more active in campus and university matters. Dr. Sclar noted that as Chair of the Faculty Council, she is an ex-officio member of the University Senate, but that there are members missing from Newark. The Executive Committee, for example, has only one Newark member (a student). The Newark Campus needs to have a more forceful voice in New Brunswick. Dr. Sclar also discussed the University Copyright Policy which will soon be on the University Library's website. Newark has taken no action in reviewing this policy, although New Brunswick has spent much time on a prior draft. Dr. Sclar urged Council members to review the policy so that a discussion may be conducted at the next meeting.

Council members are urged to email suggestions to Diana. Sclar on 1) the role of the NFC in the University Senate and 2) The role of the NFC vis a vis the Provost.

Topics suggested for discussion this year by the NFC included 1) Strategies to increase diversity, particularly Hispanic/Latino, in administration and faculty on campus, and 2) Faculty involvement in restructuring - to comment on the UC-N report and encourage discussion among faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Newark Faculty Council is

Monday, November 10, 2003 att 11:30 a.m. in the Provost Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Center for Law and Justice.