

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, November 10, 2003
CLJ - Provost Conference Room - 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

Present: Nabil Adam, Edward Boylan, 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; Steven Diner; Harvey Feder, Carol Martancik, Gene Vincenti; Janice Friedland.

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

- A memorial service will be held for John Adams, Director of Athletics, who passed away suddenly last week. Associate Director, Mary Wesley will be Acting Director and Assistant Director, John Stallings will be Acting Associate Director. A search will be conducted for a new director
- Funds are now available to add a level to Parking Deck 2.
- The BoG will soon act on approval of building undergraduate housing on University Avenue, and we are obtaining approval from city agencies. An August 2005 opening is projected.
- A new University task force on all funds budgeting – ways to present all sources of funding income - will include Dean Kirby, Asela Laguna-Diaz and Gene Vincenti.
- President McCormick held a meeting with student leaders in New Brunswick to discuss difficulties students experience in navigating administrative and other matters. A retreat is planned in New Brunswick with student leaders and service providers. The Newark campus will plan something similar for next semester.
- A Ph.D. in American Studies has been approved with approval by the New Jersey President's Council expected.
- A committee is working on commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Conklin Hall takeover.
- Restructuring: The detailed report of the Review, Planning and Implementation Committee, is due by January. There is still some uncertainty regarding multi-campus programs, since different views were provided by the three campus committees. The Northern University Report will be the subject of wide discussion and all campus constituents are urged to read it and send comments to the Provost's Office. Harvey Feder is organizing a forum for November 17th in Robeson Campus Center. Dr. Diner encouraged the Newark Faculty Council to comment on the report.

II. Chair's Report Diana Sclar discussed the following matters:

- The NFC Executive Cabinet will put together a response to the restructuring report. Dr. Diner said it was not necessary to address the system issue reports on Hospitals, Finance, or Human Resources, but that it may be useful to comment on the topic of IT/Libraries and whether a single system or individual systems would be best. RU-N and UMDNJ favor a single system, but NJIT does not agree.
- Council members were concerned that the reports did not analyze the pros and cons of restructuring, and that details were not provided of the consequences of combining departments such as Math and Computer Science.

- Concern was expressed that Rutgers-New Brunswick would capture the Rutgers name. Dr. Diner noted it was likely that all three of the new universities would retain the Rutgers name, with names of individual colleges remaining unchanged.
- A suggestion was made to examine the record of the original merger of the Newark and New Brunswick business schools. The issue of space allocation for Nursing and Business in New Brunswick also needs to be addressed.
- It was noted that the Northern University report did not fully address faculty governance.
- Essex County College, Dr. Diner explained, was included in the Master Planning section of the UC-N report since it represents another influence on the student population and development projections for the University Heights district. It is not part of the restructuring.
- Diana Sclar introduced the topic of the Newark Faculty Council role – should it focus on the campus alone, or consider university-wide issues? It was concluded that the by-laws support the larger perspective.
- The Faculty/Staff directory was noted to have reduced the amount of information it used to provide. A motion was passed to discuss this matter at the next meeting (after comparing with previous directory issues).
- The council discussed President McCormick's recent statements and relative concerns.
- The University Calendar (through AY 2014/2015) begins on August 31 in some years, instead of September 1 (per university/union contract). Concern was expressed about shortening the student reading periods to compensate for this earlier start date. The Provost said he would remind the deans to ensure that finals not be held during the last week of the semester. A vote will be taken at the next NFC meeting regarding the August 31 start date.
- Dana Library will contact FASN Dean Kirby regarding the Ph.D. program in American Studies. Wen-Hua Ren noted that an important argument for a unified library system is to retain Research Library status.
- The President's Advisory Committee meetings are being organized by Dr. Martha Cotter in New Brunswick.
- The Council will discuss inviting President McCormick to speak at one of its future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2003, 11:30 a.m. in the Provost Conference Room – 5th Floor, Center for Law & Justice.