

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Meeting of Monday, December 8, 2003**  
**CLJ - Provost Conference Room - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Mei-Fang Cheng, Johnna Christian, Nancy Diaz, Dennis Gale, Sharon Gifford, John Graham, Asela Laguna-Diaz, Noreen Mahon, Wen-Hua Ren, Diana Sclar, Ted Szatrowski, Barbara Stern, Adela Yarcheski, Laszlo Zaborszky, Miroslava Znayenko; Steven Diner; Harvey Feder, Gene Vincenti; Janice Friedland.

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

- Gerald Massenberg, Robeson campus center director, has been promoted to Assistant Provost for Student Life
- An outside firm is conducting a housing demand survey. The results are expected to serve as final reassurance to the Board of Governors to approve construction of a new residence hall on the Newark Campus.
- The commencement speaker for the main ceremony this year will be Dr. Mary Sue Sweeney Price, Director of the Newark Museum, who is to receive an honorary degree. The speaker for the Graduate School ceremony is Board of Governors Professor of English, Rachel Hadas.
- President McCormick will be on campus tomorrow to speak with faculty about restructuring – Ackerson Hall 3:30-4:30 pm.
- Restructuring Update: The chairs of the Rutgers Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees are continuing to negotiate with the Governor's office. The governor has set January 1<sup>st</sup> as a deadline for Rutgers boards to decide on restructuring. The Pappas consulting group is meeting with the Steering Committee this week to go over the first draft of the university report. Gene Vincenti has been working on estimating costs for the Northern University in Newark. The financial and administrative structure aspects of the plan are still in question and are complicated issues, although there does seem to be general agreement on governance between the boards, the university president and the governor's staff. The matter of multi-campus programs will most likely be resolved at a later time. Statements from the University Senate, New Brunswick Faculty Council and scientists in New Brunswick as well as President McCormick's response have been circulated.

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

- Senate Executive Committee meeting – the actions taken at the recent meeting did not concern the Newark Campus, so a report is not necessary.

**III. Discussion on Restructuring**

- Diana Sclar noted that the University Committee-North was not charged with considering the wisdom of restructuring, only to hypothesize what the organization would look like if restructuring were to be approved.
- The New Brunswick Faculty Council supports a separate Business School and Nursing School in New Brunswick. The Newark Faculty Council needs to respond.

- Two RBS members who are also on the NBFC, Sharon Gifford and Ted Szatrowski, agree that two business schools would impose a large demand on resources and would create name-brand or identity dilution. Barbara Stern described the previous mergers the business schools – in 1993, the School of Management combined with the FASN Graduate School business programs to create the Faculty of Management, and in 1996, the New Brunswick and Newark undergraduate programs merged under one dean, creating one Rutgers Business School and establishing ‘brand identity’. A motion was made that the Newark Faculty Council Executive Cabinet draft a proposal endorsing the University Committee-North’s recommendation for one business school. The motion passed with three opposed and 12 in favor.
- Nursing: Newark’s nursing schools have undergraduate, master’s, and Ph.D. programs. A satellite undergraduate program was begun in the ‘80’s in New Brunswick. There is also a graduate program in Rutgers-Camden, which awards degrees from the Newark Graduate School. There is also a program in Monmouth College. Online and distance education help facilitate the multi-campus teaching schedules. Noreen Mahon and Adela Yarcheski indicated their belief that most of the Rutgers-Newark nursing faculty would prefer having separate nursing schools in both the Newark and New Brunswick. Dr. Diner noted that Dean Lashley is in favor of one school, thus keeping resources in Newark. The two Nursing NFC council members stated their opposition to having one school, noting that there is a need to provide services throughout New Jersey, not just in the North.
- FASN faculty are drafting a resolution in favor of strengthening liberal arts and humanities. Nancy Diaz asked that the NFC consider discussing this as well.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Diana Sclar will draft a statement on the business schools and email it to the committee members for a discussion and/or vote. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is Monday, February 16, 2004, in the Provost Conference Room, 123 Washington Street – 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

Happy Holidays!