

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, May 10, 2004
CLJ - Provost Conference Room - 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

In attendance: N. Adam, E. Boylan, J. Christian, B. Ferguson, W. Ren, C. Russell, D. Sclar, B. Stern, L. Zaborszky, M. Zyanenko; H. Feder; S. Diner; M. Ryan; A. Torres, J. Friedland

- I. Provost's Report** Dr. Diner reported on the following matters:
- **Goals Statement:** The Provost's goals statement, available on the campus website, was an effort to articulate his view for the development of Rutgers-Newark, since the work on restructuring was halted.
 - **Faculty awards:** Two Newark faculty members received Board of Trustees Research Fellowships: Alex Hinton (Sociology & Anthropology) and John Lynch (English).
 - **Student Services Retreat:** A letter to participants from the President and Provost is online. Quick fixes are being implemented and committees have been formed to handle larger issues.
 - **Strategic Initiatives on Campus Safety:** The survey report's general assessment praised the department under Chief Roddini's tenure. The primary recommendation was that police be more visible throughout the campus to give a better sense of security to all constituents. They need to interact more with people on campus through community policing.
 - **Innovation Zones** proposed by Governor McGreevey: Dr. Diner noted he has been talking to corporate and government leadership to promote the idea that innovative zoning should include the entrepreneurial capacity of Rutgers Business School. Several council members offered suggestions on ways their schools might be further involved, such as in offering wellness services, small business development, courses in high-tech service organizations, and additional law clinics. Dr. Diner said he is trying to market the campus' strengths in areas which other schools may lack.
 - **Hall of Distinguished Alumni:** Two Newark alumni were inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni: nurse/researcher, Elizabeth Norman and philanthropist/social activist, Barbara Bell Coleman, who lauded the Newark Campus in her acceptance remarks.
 - **A ceremony with David Dinkins honored Bessie Nelms Hill**, civil rights activist and first African American member of the Board of Governors.
 - **Commencement:** Two people closely associated with Newark will receive honorary degrees: BoG Chair, Gene O'Hara, a RU-N alumnus, and Newark Museum Director and CEO, Mary Sue Sweeney Price, who will also be speaker and receive her degree at the NCAS ceremony
 - **Staff Recognition Day:** This yearly event is scheduled for June 9
- II. Chair's Report** Diana Sclar discussed the following matters:
- **The President's Faculty Committee** is to meet next Wednesday. Topics proposed include problems with travel policies, burdens resulting from shrinking administrative staff, the All-Funds Budgeting Task Force recommendations, high telephone charges, and collaborative efforts with NJIT and UMDNJ. Members were asked to send discussion topic suggestions to the council listserve.- A few

were mentioned, including adding lines in Newark to meet increased enrolment, the role of PTL's vs full time faculty, and the delay in salary/contract negotiations. Most members agreed that only significant discussion topics should be brought to the table.

- **Listserve:** Please send comments to the NFC listserve instead of directly to Diana Sclar. This will allow everyone to see and participate in discussions. The listserve is: nfc@andromeda.rutgers.edu
- **Role of the NFC:** Diana Sclar suggested that the council consider defining its role more clearly and becoming more involved in University and Campus matters. She also suggested that the bylaws be re-examined next year.

III. Exam Policy It was noted that the proposed Newark Exam Policy was based on the existing policy at FAS in New Brunswick. Discussion followed on how the policy would be enforced and whether each school should devise its own set of rules. Dr. Diner offered to relay the sense of the NFC discussion to the deans. He will emphasize to them that they should establish and enforce exam policies in their schools and ensure that exams be given at designated times.

IV. Elections of Executive Cabinet Officers. Since a few members have declined nominations, it was suggested that a new election be called. Janice Friedland will poll members on their availability to serve and send out a new bid for nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*** *Have a wonderful summer!* ***