

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Wednesday, September 22, 2004
CLJ - Provost Conference Room - 2:30 p.m.
Minutes

In attendance: N. Adam, M. Chang, J. Christian, B. Ferguson, S. Gifford, J. Graham, R. Jones, A. Kasper, dt.ogilvie, C. Russell, A. Sadovnik, D. Sclar, L. Zaborszky, H. Feder; S. Diner; M. Ryan; A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland

I. Introductions and Chair's Report Nabil Adam welcomed new members and introductions were made. He then opened discussion on the following issue:

- Campus Safety/Traffic: Council member were concerned about several safety and traffic matters including:
 - closing University Avenue between Bleeker and Warran streets – other suggestions were offered, such as a crossing guard or speed bumps.
 - a uniform evacuation procedure for the campus
 - improving security in the Smith Hall basement
 - car theft
 - van service which does not run after 4:30 p.m. to UMDNJ

Some campus improvements were acknowledged, including the extra security presence on campus, particularly in the Center for Law & Justice. Steve Diner noted that the campus has undertaken a major safety initiative. He suggested that Gene Vincenti could be available to give a presentation on this topic at a future NFC meeting.

Dr. Adam asked members to comment on other key issues:

- Creating a campus environment conducive to research, teaching and service distinction by faculty and students
- Communicating the research, teaching and service distinction to the central administration and to the Rutgers community
- Outreach to the community at large

A wide-ranging discussion followed on why the Newark Campus does not receive adequate recognition from New Brunswick for research. It was agreed that strategically selected programs – those with the most potential - should be identified and promoted. It was also agreed that more needs to be done to communicate our strengths to New Brunswick. Dr. Diner noted that the campus is currently updating information on campus service and outreach programs.

It was decided to invite President McCormick to a Newark Faculty Council meeting.

II. Health Fair - Wednesday, October 6th Dr. Sandra Samuels announced the Campus Health Fair on Wednesday, October 6th on the campus plaza. The Provost will lead a walk around the campus and there will be vendors and

demonstrations. Dr. Samuels stressed the need to promote good health awareness for students, faculty and staff. T-shirts were distributed to all council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 8, 2004 11:30 a.m.**, in the Provost Conference Room. President McCormick will attend this meeting, so it is important for as many members as possible to attend.