

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, February 7, 2005
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

- I. **Chair's Report** Nabil Adam reported on the following items:
- Announcements: The University Senate meets in Newark on February 18.
 - President's Advisory Council: Nabil Adam and John Graham attended as Newark's representatives. The council is composed of three faculty council members from each of the three Rutgers' campuses. The President indicated he did not feel the Council was serving an effective role, since he interacts frequently with faculty in other settings. The New Brunswick faculty, however, was in favor of continuing. Drs. Adam and Graham expressed to President McCormick their feeling that an opportunity was lost when the merger did not go through. The President mentioned discussions with Provost Diner about various initiatives which resulted from the merger discussions.
 - President visit: It was suggested the President be invited to the April meeting - Discussion items to be reviewed in March.
 - Parking: Recent snow storms caused parking problems in Lot 510 and elsewhere on campus. Marty Ryan described actions being taken to alleviate future problems such as moving university vans to the Orange Street lot, developing a map of valet parking to more evenly distribute spots, eliminating McGovern's reserved spots, and issuing fewer passes. A path to the Broad Street Station from campus will be cleared in future storms. dt ogilvie thanked Marty for campus operations' efficiency during the recent storm.
 - New Shuttles will operate from campus to Broad and Orange Streets parking lots. The campus is working with the City to extend time on meters.
 - Senators at Large: Three positions are open on the University Senate. Faculty Council members were asked to solicit nominations/volunteers from their colleagues for those slots. It is important that Newark be well represented in the Senate, especially to be involved in talks on undergraduate programs.
- II. **Provost's Report** Dr. Diner discussed the following matters:
- Budget: The State was to cover 50% of this year's salary increases (the other half out of tuition increase), but only 25% has been received. There is still the possibility of a recision this year, but the odds are diminishing. Next year's funding of salary increases is unknown. President McCormick is actively lobbying in Trenton.
 - Real Estate: One Washington Park – The Business School new building is being promoted as serving the economic development of the state, not just Rutgers. We would occupy 62% of the building. The remainder would be for small-medium businesses, interacting with the Business School. This would jump start redevelopment in the area near the Broad Street station. The cost is approximately \$70 million.
 - Police Chief: A search committee has been formed for a replacement for Marty Roddini. John Graham is on the committee. They anticipate filling the position by early summer.
 - Proposal to establish two new schools:

- Public Affairs – The Public Administration department has been rising rapidly in national rankings and it already has the attributes of a small school. It will complement the School of Criminal Justice and Law School in fulfilling an urban mission. Marc Holzer is chairing the proposal committee.
- Global Affairs – Currently a center (CGCG), it has a one-of-a-kind Masters/Ph.D. program, which draw from many campus areas and is cross-disciplinary. It has outgrown its original purpose, but is not yet ready to be a school. A committee will discuss ways to give the center more control over its faculty, curriculum, and tenure decisions, somewhat like a department. The goal is to upgrade the stature of the program.
- 60th Anniversary of Merger of the Newark Campus with Rutgers: 1946-2006. Marcia Brown is organizing 60 events over the course of next year.
- BoG meeting in Newark on Thursday, February 11, around 11:00 am, in the Multipurpose Room. In lieu of a Provost Report, six students will speak to the Board.
- University Senate Meeting in Newark – February 18.
- Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series – 25th Anniversary – February 18-19.
- Fitness Center Dedication – This Thursday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.
- Constituency Research Project: Administrators are engaged in discussions on branding the university and the campuses based on the results of the project. A university brand and individual campus brands will be developed – Consultants have been recruited.
- Collaborative initiatives with NJIT and UMDNJ are in progress, particularly in the sciences, a result of previous merger discussions. A new corporation is being developed to facilitate inter-institutional grants, allowing for common indirect costs and research protocols.
- Undergraduate Questionnaire to first year students revealed interesting statistics about the ethnic, educational and family makeup of the student population.
- Undergraduate Education: Barry Qualls is chairing the Qualls Commission on Undergraduate Education, examining elimination of separate undergraduate colleges in New Brunswick. They will become part of a School of Arts and Sciences in New Brunswick, with the same admissions and graduation standards. The various campuses will instead have residential identities or themes related to their academic programs (ie, Busch/Sciences, Douglass/Women’s Studies, Cook/Environment).
In Newark, Dean Kirby is establishing a committee to assess campus undergraduate education. He will meet with the FASN Council of Chairs.

Council members will discuss by email items to discuss with President McCormick for the April meeting.

The next NFC meeting is on Monday, March 7, 11:30 am, in the Provost Conference Room- CLJ Fifth Floor.