

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, October 24, 2005
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

In attendance: F. Bartkowski, M. Feighn, J. Christian, J. Graham, R. Jones, N. Mahon, W. Ren, A. Sadovnik, D. Sclar, R. Stieglitz, -I. Watson, L. Zaborzsky; M. Brown, G. Massenberg, C. Martancik, G. Roth, M. Ryan, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland; S. Diner; Marc Holzer, Pamela Heard.

I. Provost's Report – Provost Steven Diner discussed the following:

- **1 Washington Park** – There has been further progress in developing this building to house the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick. There is the prospect of significant corporate support and the project is now on the fast track
- **A Higher Education Bond Issue** is gaining legislative support and might go to the voters in November 2006. Rutgers might receive a little under \$600 million, Rutgers-Newark receiving about \$118 million, to fund various projects.
Enrolment – Gary Roth reported that enrolment, 10,246 this year, is about 47 students fewer compared to last fall, a .4% reduction
- **Provost's Award for Distinguished Research** – was made to Prof. Peter Golden, History Department, who gave a lecture on October 20.
- **University Square residence hall** – will open this summer. All new students will be guaranteed housing. It is anticipated more housing will help enrolment.

II. Introduction of Pamela Heard, Director of Psychological Services

Gerald Massenburg introduced Dr. Heard who was hired as part of the campus quality of life improvement efforts. Dr. Heard spoke to the group about psychological services offered on campus and particularly stressed the importance of faculty being aware of depression and suicidal tendencies in students. She urged faculty to refer students who appear to have serious problems to her office, which provides professional service, and not to intervene themselves. The Provost suggested she speak at the Deans' Council, at the various schools' deans' cabinets/chairs' meetings, and at Dana Library.

III. Chair's Report - John Graham introduced the following topics:

- **Meeting with President McCormick** – The Executive Cabinet will convene to set an agenda for the meeting with the President. It will be posted on Blackboard. Some of the topics, including those suggested last year, were:
 - Recruitment of minority faculty
 - PTL's - the data provided last spring suggested PTL use was disproportionate on the three campuses..
 - PTL salaries – are we paying them competitively relative to other area schools?
 - Devolution – how has it progressed.
 - Marketing campaign/branding of the campuses.
 - It was suggested the President be asked about the possibility of reinstating the Dept. of Higher Education, which was eliminated under Governor Whitman.
 - Should the NFC be involved in the reorganization of New Brunswick undergraduate education? How does it affect this campus?
 - Undergraduate research funding for Newark – what kinds of programs will be funded?

IV. School of Public Affairs (SPAA) proposal – Professor Marc Holzer was invited to give an overview on the proposed school. He explained that the current Department is often considered to be a school because of the scope of its activities. A new school would create opportunities for synergy on campus following the models of other schools such as the School of Criminal Justice. The Department already has successful Masters and Doctoral programs, certificate programs, and several research programs, international programs and a diverse faculty. It produces a number of respected journals. Thus, all the elements of a school are already in place.

A subcommittee (A. Sadovnik, S. Gifford, M. Feighn, R. Jones, J. Christian, D. Sclar) met to review the SPAA proposal and recommend whether or not the NFC should support it. All but one member, who has not yet responded, supports the proposal.

Provost Diner discussed the process of creating a new school, which has not been done in 10-15 years. The proposal may have to go to the Senate for a vote. NFC approval will be very important. The more immediate question is whether it has to be approved by the FASN faculty. The Public Administration Dept. programs are within the Graduate School, not FASN. FASN bylaws require faculty recommendation for elimination of programs, or combining them, but the department would not be eliminated. Dean Kirby will consult with the faculty parliamentarian. The school's degrees would still be offered by the Graduate School.

Competition with the Bloustein School in New Brunswick is not really an issue, since the focus will be different in the two schools. Bloustein is more public policy oriented and has non-degree programs, although there is some overlap of interests.

An undergraduate program in Public Service, in which the new school would play a key role, is being investigated by a separate committee chaired by Norma Riccucci. Dr. Diner suggested that the new program could attract a significant number of new students into a "signature" program. Both FASN and SPAA would administer the new major. The School proposal is not contingent on the new undergraduate major.

Resources, Dr. Diner noted, would need to be increased only modestly for administrative costs. There could also be fundraising and naming opportunities.

A motion was made to endorse the SPAA proposal. It was seconded and unanimously approved, with the stipulation that it go through all university processes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting, with President McCormick, will be on Monday, November 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Provost Conference Room, 123 Washington Street – 5th floor.