

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, December 4, 2006
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

In attendance: V. Atluri, F. Bartkowski, L. Eller, M. Feighn, S. Hall, J. Hyman, R. Jones, A. Laguna, M. Long, A. Sadovnik, D. Sclar, R. Stieglitz, B. Vesey, I. Watson, L. Zaborszky, S. Diner, M. Brown, G. Massenburg, M. Ryan, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland

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

- Fed Challenge – Economics students, under the direction of John Graham, placed 3rd in the national competition in Washington DC after winning the local and regional competitions. Half of the \$25,000 award will be divided among the students and the other half will go to the department.
- FASIP – The faculty merit award program is now underway. Awards will be retroactive to June, 2006 and January, 2007.
- P4P – The merit award program for unaligned supervisory and administrative staff is also going forward this year.
- AEF proposals – the program has been initiated for this year, but with less funding (\$1.5 million). Proposals are due in the Provost Office by January 19.
- Capital Campaign – The provost will send campus proposals to New Brunswick in January. The proposals will help the campus set priorities and provide ideas for potential donors.
- Community Colleges – are lobbying to have core education courses automatically accepted by senior institutions. Rutgers has different requirements than the community colleges, despite similar course titles, and courses with similar titles may not even be equivalent on the different Rutgers campuses.
- Campus Committee on Undergraduate Education – The provost has established a committee to review undergraduate education on the Newark campus. The committee will examine the previous report of John Sheridan's committee to determine what can be implemented now and what to set as priorities for the future. The nature of undergraduate education on the campus has changed over the years. Many undergraduate majors are outside of Arts and Sciences. Criminal Justice, Business, and Nursing, for example, have their own undergraduate programs. The committee will also explore the relationship between liberal arts and the professional schools, in keeping with the campus' urban mission. Richard Langhorne and John Graham are co-chairs of the new committee. They will take a broad look at connections between the professions and other campus strengths.
- Board of Governors Meeting – On Friday, the BoG will approve a plan for a unified visual identity for Rutgers. A memorandum will be distributed shortly explaining the phased implementation process.
- New Appointments:
 - Lisa English – Alumni Relations director for Rutgers-Newark. Lisa will coordinate for the campus as a whole.
 - Vice Provost for Development – Richie Laurie Smith will start on February 5.

II. Chair's Report – Alan Sadovnik reported as follows:

- **NFC report to the University Senate** – was well received. There is a link from the Senate minutes to the report. The letter to President McCormick was mentioned at this meeting and was also well-received. The president has not yet responded.

- **Book on Diversity** – written by Dr. Frinde Maher of Wheaton College and Mary Kay Tetreault of Portland State University. Rutgers-Newark was well described in one of the case studies. Dr. Sadovnik will try to obtain copies of the book.

III. Campus Safety – Chief Michael Lattimore described three recent incidents which occurred on campus and steps his department is taking to prevent further occurrences. All the incidents occurred at night and the victims were alone. He also explained what everyone needs to know to keep safe. Escorts are available at all times and there is only a 5 minute wait time once a call is placed. Blue lights are underutilized on the campus. They should be used whenever there is any suspicion of potential danger. Chief Lattimore noted that the campus is one of the safest areas in Newark and is not a target for perpetrators of crime. CHEN meetings provide an opportunity for Newark’s higher education learning institutions to share information and to join together to improve safety. Cameras will soon be installed in certain areas on campus. He praised the members of his department, noting they are all educated, extremely capable and personable officers. The emergency number for the campus is x 5111.

Chief Lattimore responded to council members’ questions. Students who have trouble finding a taxi from Penn Station at night can call the campus police headquarters for an escort. It was noted that the intersections at Raymond Blvd. and University Avenue and the one at Warren St. and University Avenue, are very dangerous. Chief Lattimore will bring this to the attention of the advisory committee. Marty Ryan said he is discussing lighting patterns with the City of Newark. It was suggested that a blue light be placed inside Olson Hall. Council members also expressed considerable praise for the campus police. Dr. Sadovnik asked how to arrange for police coverage for an upcoming conference. He will work with the campus police on determining where they will be needed.

IV. New Business

- NFC Executive Committee – will meet before the next meeting in the Spring to set the agenda. The President is scheduled to visit at the February meeting.
- A presidential Committee on Efficiency and Entrepreneurship is looking into ways to economize. They will examine the possibility of sharing services across campuses and schools.
- The New Brunswick Faculty Council is attempting to reinstate the President’s Advisory Committee which was made up of three members from each of the campus faculty councils.
- It was noted that many graduate classes begin at 6:00 pm. There is no grid for graduate and law courses. The schools make up the schedules. Earlier scheduling would overlap with undergraduate courses and many graduate students would have difficulty making an earlier class after work hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is on Monday, February 5, 2007 in the Provost Conference Room, 5th Floor, Center for Law & Justice.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR!!