

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, March 5, 2007
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 a.m.
Minutes

In attendance: V. Atluri, M. Feighn, S. Hall, J. Hyman, R. Jones, A. Sadovnik, D. Sclar, R. Stieglitz, M. Vasarehlyi, I. Watson, R. Wen, L. Zaborszky, S. Diner, G. Massenburg, M. Ryan, R. Smith, J. Friedland

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

- Budget – The governor has proposed a budget increase of approx. \$13 million for Rutgers University. However, negotiations with the largest state union call for a giveback of health benefits and salary increases. There is no money yet in the budget for pay increases at Rutgers next year.
- Restructuring plans are not moving forward for now. The governor and legislature are concentrating on UMDNJ reforms and the search for a new president. A BoG committee is developing ideas. Senator Lesniak is talking to the committee this week. They are exploring an all-Rutgers plan.
- Facilities –
 - A developer, Campus Apartments, has been selected for 15 Washington St., slated for student and some faculty housing.
 - Life Sciences Bldg. – one of the two shelved floors is being completed for the Chemistry Dept.
 - Bookstore difficulties – Barnes & Nobles' college book division is the current bookstore (used to be Follett). A space on Halsey St. behind Deck 2 would be ideal for the bookstore. Books are not always available for students since faculty either do not place orders on time or they use NJ Books.
- Dean Searches – Searches for deans for SCJ, FASN and RBS are in progress. SCJ has submitted finalists. The RBS dean search is in the second year – the committee will report this week. The FASN search is moving along well. There is also a search for a new director of Dana Library which is in the preliminary stage. Jan Lewis and a New Brunswick representative co-chair the committee.
- Annual Research Day – April 24, 2:30. Barry Komisaruk and Norma Riccucci are moderators.
- Meetings with City of Newark Administrators: The next meeting is with Stephan Pryor, the Director of Economic Development.

II. Chair's Report – Alan Sadovnik reported:

- The council members expressed their deep sympathy to Alan for the loss of his mother, who passed away last week.
- Merger issues – the President's Faculty Advisory Council (PFAC), composed of representatives from the three campus faculty councils, will meet once a semester to collaborate on various issues. They expressed interest in having a Budget Equity Meeting. The three faculty councils will prepare statements on the merger. Camden and New Brunswick do not want a separation of campuses. For the Newark campus, however, a merger with NJIT & UMDNJ would increase the size of the campus to the extent that it would no longer be feasible to be a branch campus. The PFAC statement was revised to reflect that difference. Dr. Diner

noted that the statement should also include Newark's concern that the campus does not have a School of Social Work or a School of Pharmacy (our students enroll in the Pharmacy 2+4 program – the first 2 years are in Newark).

It was suggested that the PFAC statement should discuss the undergraduate student body which is unique to Rutgers-Newark.

Dr. Sadovnik suggested reviewing the NFC bylaws to see if there are any contradictions with PFAC membership. (part time faculty are permitted to be members of the New Brunswick faculty council).

III. Budget Equity Discussion (President McCormick's decision not to establish a Budget Equity Committee) – to be tabled until next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 11:30 am, in the Provost Conference Room – CLJ 5th Floor