

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Wednesday, December 3, 2007
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 am
Minutes

In attendance: V. Atluri, F. Bartkowski, L. Eller, S. Feinberg, S. Hall, J. Hyman, R. Jones, M. Long, D. Sclar, R. Stieglitz, M. Vasarhelyi, B. Veysey, J. Xia, L. Zaborszky; S. Diner, G. Massenberg, M. Ryan, L. Schneemeyer, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland.

- I. Provost's Report: Provost Steven Diner reported on the following items:
- Congratulated Laszlo Zaborszky on the publication of his journal, "Brain Structure and Function."
 - Budget: Next year's budget outlook is not encouraging. The governor will submit the state budget to the legislature in January this year in order to win support for his monetization plans (ie, privatizing the NJ Turnpike). Deans and Vice Provosts have been asked to consider where they could make cuts, more in administrative rather than academic areas. More needs to be done to increase revenues on campus, including:
 - Increase in executive and professional continuing education courses.
 - Encourage faculty to apply for more grants
 - Increase private fundraising.Discussion followed on grants/indirect cost returns. The campus is exploring what can be done to help units support faculty in grant writing.
 - SCI Report: This report has not yet come before the legislature. Senator Lesniak wants to strengthen the authority of the SCI over academic programs. There has been no discussion, however, on reinstating the position of Chancellor.
 - Community College general education credits must now be accepted by four-year schools when admitting transfer students who have earned an Associates Degree. There is a proposal to extend this to all gen. ed. credits, even without the earned degree, but it does not seem to have much support. When we implement a change to the undergraduate program, this will have to be considered.
 - STARS II program: guaranteed free tuition in community colleges, and requirements that accepting senior institutions cover the costs above \$4,000/YEAR when a student transfers. This results in lost tuition revenue to Rutgers. Also, it is not usually the most disadvantaged, nor is it the best students, who receive these awards.
 - Alumni Relations Task Force: appointed by President McCormick – to be endorsed by the BoG this week - calls for a single University Alumni Association, without dues and all alumni will automatically be members.
 - Provost Committee on Undergraduate Education: The committee report contained an exciting new idea – to reduce the general education requirements from ~58 to a core of 30 credits, and to require two concentrations (2 majors, major and minor) or a dual degree (BA/MA). Deans Yeagle and Cooper will chair a group to work out more concrete details.

- Academic Excellence Fund (AEF) proposals are due in the provost office on December 12. The campus will receive \$300,000. Deans have been asked to prioritize their proposals.
- Parking Deck: Negotiations are ongoing for purchase of the parking deck on the corner of Washington Street and Raymond Blvd. We expect to close on the property over the winter and have the deck operating for students by 2009.
- 1 Washington Park: The design for the building has been completed and bids are now being accepted for construction. Groundbreaking is planned for January.
- RBS vacated space: The consulting firm, Paulian & Assocs. has been hired to assist us in planning for the space vacated by the business school when it moves to 1 Washington Park. They are considering enrolment growth and classroom needs.
- National Faculty Productivity Index: Rutgers-Newark ranks 12th nationally for small research universities (under 15 Ph.D. programs), In the field of International Relations and Development Studies, the R-N Ph.D. in Global Affairs was ranked 5th in the country.
- Provost Community Engagement Awards: Tuesday, December 4, 4-7 pm, Robeson Campus Center, University Club. NFC member, Rachel Jones, of the College of Nursing, has won the award for faculty research.
- Newark Arts Council: The council would like to locate on the R-N campus and to begin formal collaborations.
- DeStress Fest: Thursday, December 13 – for students during exam period, will include a pancake event. Deans and administrators are invited to participate and serve pancakes to the students. Residential life staff will visit all dorm rooms to check on students.
- Director of Division of Global Affairs – search is ongoing to replace Richard Langhorne and Yale Ferguson who are stepping down as co-directors.

II. Chair's Report/New Business: Fran Bartkowski opened the meeting to new business matters. The members discussed the following:

- Students who are dropped from courses due to unpaid term bills, do not know that they can still go to class as long as they have made appropriate arrangements to pay. The campus makes phone calls to students who are delinquent. The problem is more complicated with laboratory science courses which have a set number of lab seats per class. Students can not re-register during add/drop period since all places may have been allotted.
- Rutgers Business School is rolling out a new undergraduate class entitled, "Love and Money." It will cover personal finance and practical life skills. The course is supported by the company, Boardroom, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008, 11:30 am, Provost Conference Room, CLJ.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!