

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2008
CLJ - Provost Conference Room – 11:30 am
Minutes

In attendance: F. Bartkowski, L. Eller, M. Feighn, S. Hall, J. Hyman, R. Jones, A. Laguna, D. Sclar, R. Snyder, R. Steiglitz, B. Veysey, L. Zaborszky; S. Diner, G. Massenbergh, M. Ryan, G. Roth, L. Schneemeyer, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland.

I. Provost's Report: Provost Steven Diner reported on the following items:

- **Budget:** Predictions for next year's budget suggest that a flat budget is likely. Some of the governor's plans such as privatizing the NJ Turnpike or increasing tolls could make a difference, but it is all speculation at this time.
- **RU-N 100th Anniversary:** A Gala is planned for June 19 in the Golden Dome gym. The event committee is chaired by Marcia Brown and includes about 50 prominent people, some of whom are alumni. Colin Powell will be the keynote speaker. The event will raise money for scholarships. Posters to be displayed around campus were designed by students and produced by Design Consortium. They can be ordered via the campus website.
- **Parking Deck:** Negotiations are ongoing for the purchase of the parking deck on the corner of Washington Street and Raymond Blvd.
- **1 Washington Park:** The design for the building has been completed. The lowest bid came in under budget. Environmental issues are not significant.
- **Life Science Center:** Another floor is being fitted out.
- **Faculty Diversity Clusters:** The university's faculty diversification program provides one half salary for three years toward the hiring of a faculty member who adds to the diversity of a unit – as a target of opportunity hire. A new component of this concept allows units or multiple units to suggest clusters of people who might distinguish the campus in a particular area. Cross-college clusters are also possible. The clusters would be approved over a five year period. The President is forming a review committee. Deans should have individual researchers in mind before proposing a cluster. Efforts should be made to create diversity in unprecedented groups and to foster cross-disciplinary collaborations.
- **Middle States review:** The review team will visit Rutgers Sunday, March 9- Wednesday, March 12. The university chose to do a topical self-study on Undergraduate Education. Newark did an additional self-study on the Urban Mission, which is included as a chapter of the university study. One of the team's meetings will be with the NFC.
- **Searches:** College of Nursing Dean Felissa Lashley is going back to the faculty after almost six years as dean. A search committee has been formed and they have met with an executive search firm. Finalists for the position of Director of the Division of Global Affairs will be interviewed beginning this month.
- **Undergraduate Education:** The report of a campus committee, in examining how undergraduate education relates to the campus' strengths in the professional schools, has made several recommendations. One which is already underway, improving student services, includes newly created positions in financial aid and student advising. The committee also recommended rolling back the general

education requirements from 60 to 30 hours, and requiring a dual concentration (two majors, or major/minor). This will permit more teaching opportunities in 300/400 level courses. A working group was formed to finalize the proposal and to dialogue with faculty and departments. Co-chairs are Deans Yeagle and Cooper. They meet on February 7.

- EOF 40th Anniversary program – March 26
- *The Once and Future Newark* – the Clem Price video will air on Channel 13, Feb. 18 and Mar. 21, at 5:30 pm.

II. Chair's Report: Fran Bartkowski – the following was discussed:

- Teaching loads: Dean Yeagle is discussing this matter with the FASN chairs. Provost Diner noted that there is no campus or university policy and that policy within the various schools varies. Some departments are heavily involved in doctoral work others have more undergraduate programs. The provost noted that Rutgers has always resisted a formal policy for these reasons. He acknowledged that Arts and Sciences and Nursing generally have larger teaching loads. A question was raised about funded research and teaching loads in the College of Nursing. The provost noted that deans are responsible for setting the policy at the college level.

III. New Business:

- Night courses/parking – it was noted that Bradley Hall is empty relatively early in the evening. Part time students could make use of this lot. Marty Ryan will investigate.
- University Avenue Walking Mall – Gene Vincenti noted that the physical master plan shows this area as “green”, but the campus has not yet approached the new City administration.
- Creating a back exit from Deck 2- the City has rejected this option.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 11:30 am, in the Provost Conference Room, CLJ.