

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, April 7, 2008
Provost Office Conference Room
11:30-1:00

In attendance: V. Atluri, F. Bartkowski, L. Eller, G. Farney, M. Feighn, S. Feinberg, R. Jones, W. Ren, D. Sclar, R. Snyder, B. Veysey, L. Zaborszky; S. Diner, M. Ryan, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland.

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

- Anniversary Gala – The event will be held on June 19th. Newark Mayor Cory Booker will be the speaker. Bill Clinton and Colin Powell were not available. Revenue from contributions, corporate and individual sponsorships, and ticket sales will go to scholarships. Invitations will be sent next week. The ticket cost for faculty and alumni has been lowered to \$250. Students will attend for free and sit at each sponsor's table. A beautifully edited book on the campus's history will be given to attendees, and will also be available for purchase. NFC members were asked to encourage colleagues to attend.
- Budget cuts: No new information will be available until the legislature votes at the end of June. Janine LaRue, the university's new VP for Public Affairs, has been actively representing the university's interests in Trenton. Dr. Diner again suggested that letters to legislators are more effective when hand-written rather than sent by email. He will distribute a list of legislators on the Senate and Assembly budget committees to NFC members. Gene Vincenti, Aida Torres and the Provost will meet with deans and Vice Provosts to draw up models preparing for 3 percent or 7 percent cuts. The provost is forming an advisory committee to develop strategies to deal with the cuts. It will meet once or twice and will include faculty, staff and students. Fran Bartkowski, Mark Feighn and Susan Feinberg will be on the committee. Staff and annual appointments will be affected by the cuts, but academic programs will continue to be supported. Gene Vincenti will circulate a copy of the budget to NFC members. The capital budget will not be affected by the cuts.
- Redistribution of Vice Provost for Research position responsibilities: In anticipation of the budget cuts, the position of Vice Provost for Research, Lynn Schneemeyer's position, has been eliminated. Animal Care will now report to FASN Dean Yeagle, the Research & Grants office will report to Gene Vincenti, and Gary Roth will oversee the Graduate School. Lynn Schneemeyer will be on campus doing unpaid research in the Chemistry Department as a visiting scholar.
- Board of Governors approval is anticipated on April 24 for two new academic initiatives: an Undergraduate Major in Public Affairs and the establishment of a Department of Supply Chain Management in RBS.
- Facilities: Construction has begun on 1 Washington Park and a symbolic "groundbreaking" ceremony will be held on April 23 at the Newark Club. Substantial gifts have been pledged by Prudential and PSEG, and another is expected from Verizon. The Life Science building floors are being fitted out. The campus is getting closer to an agreement with a developer for 15 Washington Street for graduate student apartments, office space and first-floor retail space.

We are also close to purchasing the parking garage on Washington St. and Raymond Blvd.

- Space Planning – Paulien & Associates has made recommendations for classroom and office space following the business school's move in the summer of 2009 to 1 Washington Park.
- Campus Searches: A finalist has been selected for Dana Library Director - Mark Winston is a Rutgers graduate whose specialty is diversity in libraries. Finalists are being evaluated for the Director of the Division of Global Affairs position. A decision should be made within the next few weeks. The College of Nursing dean search is underway. Five candidates have been interviewed and two may soon be brought in for campus visits.

II. Chair's Report: Fran Bartkowski had no new business to report. The council thanked her for her term as chair this year.

III. New Scheduling Grid: Gary Roth and Betsy Rowe presented three new possibilities for class scheduling schemes, in anticipation of the business school's move to 1 Washington Park. The new location would require more time for students travelling between classes. Council members were asked to send any comments or suggestions to Gary or Betsy.

IV. New Business: Thank you to outgoing NFC members:
FASN: Fran Bartkowski, Mark Feighn, Robert Stieglitz
RBS: Miklos Vasarhelyi (reappointed for next year)

Asela Laguna will become Chair next year since she is Vice-Chair this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING AND SUMMER! SEE YOU NEXT FALL!!