

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of October 27, 2008 – 11:30 am
Chancellor's Conference Room
Minutes

In Attendance: L. Eller, S. Hall, J. Hyman, F. Jordan, A. Laguna, M. Long, W. Ren, D. Sclar, R. Snyder, J. Tepper, I. Watson, L. Zaborszky; S. Diner, S. Butterfield, M. Brown, C. Martancik, M. Ryan, G. Roth, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland; M. Botticelli, B. Rowe, C. Wibrowski.

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

- Budget
 - A budget cut is anticipated for next year. Since the university will most likely not increase tuition significantly, the impact could be greater.
 - Debt service costs have increased considerably which affects operating costs and, in turn, construction projects. Projects already underway on the Newark campus are expected to go forth.
 - Increased enrollment
 - will offset some of the reductions. Higher education generally benefits by an increase in applications during economic crises.
 - Reduced loan funds also probably will not significantly affect this campus.
 - The University is organizing efforts to support people affected by the economy.
- Research Initiatives
 - Center for Research on Newark Public Schools – Profs. Paul Tractenberg (Law School) and Alan Sadovnik (Urban Education) are working with a new consortium suggested by Newark school superintendent, Dr. Clifford B. Janey, in coordination with the Newark Charter School Fund.
 - Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, headed by RBS Prof. dt ogilvie, will promote small business in Newark. The university's diversity initiative will facilitate development of strong clusters of underrepresented minority faculty, the first of which in entrepreneurship has already been selected.
- Dean Searches
 - College of Nursing – since last year's finalist did not accept the position, the search has been reopened and is in the early stages.
 - Law School – The committee has met with the executive search firm representative and is also in the early stages of the search.
- Announcements
 - Wednesday, October 29 - reception to thank The Amelior Foundation for it's \$600,000 gift for scholarships for low income students in our residence halls.
 - Thursday, November 6, 4:00 pm - "Jazz for Justice" - the Black Student Association is honoring Vice Chancellor Marcia Brown.
 - Thursday, November 13, 4:00 pm, University Club, Robeson Center – Chancellor's Community Engagement Awards.

II. Chair's Report – Asela Laguna

- Dr. Laguna thanked the Chancellor's office for organizing last Thursday's Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture honoring Prof. Annette Juliano of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.
- A sad note to offer prayers for Dr. Lillian Robbins (Psychology) who has undergone brain surgery. She has been a Newark faculty member for 30 years.

- The Newark campus will be well represented on VP Furmanski's committee to develop the final version of the Integrity Policy.
- Dr. Laguna is a member of the University Committee on Academic Planning and Review, which is currently exploring the issue of the Professor II title, and investigating titles that other universities use to represent a higher level of achievement.

III. Increased Enrollment and Student Services – Gary Roth and Connie Wibrowski

- Vice Chancellor Gary Roth noted that last year's budget cuts did not affect student services, as they were offset by increased enrollments. This September most student service areas did very well. An additional counselor has been authorized for the Financial Aid Department, which was understaffed, and the outdated telephone system has been replaced. There were an insufficient number of classes to accommodate the unanticipated surge in enrollment, so adjustments had to be made. This spring units will be added and additional staff has been authorized in some service areas. Larger lecture halls are becoming a priority.
- A question was raised about how first and second year Business students are being coded. They are now coded as business students, but are still being categorized as Arts and Science students in all-funds budgeting.
- FASN Dean of Students, Connie Wibrowski, explained the difficulties experienced since 2004 when the number of transfer students began increasing. Since not enough classes were available, students had to be advised to take those that were open, even if they were not exactly needed. This was especially a problem with laboratory courses where only a fixed number can be admitted. Additional numbers of transfer students with Associate Degrees required more staff to conduct evaluations, which in turn cuts into academic advising time.
- Dr. Diner explained that the campus sets incremental enrollment goals of a few hundred additional students each year, with a 10-year goal of 15,000 students.

IV. Wireless Classrooms – Marie Botticelli and Betsy Rowe

Newark Computing Director, Marie Botticelli, and Betsy Rowe, Director of Summer Session and Academic Scheduling, noted that the campus has wireless capability in most green areas and in some buildings. CLJ is the only building with plans for wireless in classrooms. Faculty feedback is sought on the need for this technology. Some faculty feel the use of personal computers in the classroom is disruptive and a security problem, and are opposed to unlimited access. Even if it can be blocked in classrooms, there is existing technology in adjacent areas that can "bleed" into the rooms, and some students have their own access. NJIT and Seton Hall have installed the technology. The Rutgers Business School supports the technology which it has installed in the MEC, and Englehard and Ackerson Halls. A committee was formed to discuss this matter further: James Tepper, Rob Snyder, Jon Hyman, Lucille Eller, and Miklos Vasarehlyi.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 11:30 am, in the Chancellor's Conference Room