

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, April 6, 2009 – 11:30 am
Chancellor's Conference Room
Minutes

Attending: V. Atluri, S. Hall, JR. Jones, A. Laguna, W. Ren, D. Sclar, M. Vasarhelyi, L. Zaborszky; G. Roth, G. Massenburg, S. Butterfield, A. Torres, C. Martancik, G. Vincenti, M. Winston, S. Diner, J. Friedland

- I. Chancellor's Report** - Chancellor Steven Diner reported on the following matters:
- Budget - The Governor's proposed budget cuts Rutgers by \$15.5 million. Union-negotiated pay increases will cost the university an additional \$30 million, and other inflationary costs could bring the shortfall to between \$55 and \$65 million. The federal stimulus package requires state of funding higher education at the 2008 level, but it is unclear if that requirement can be enforced. The stimulus package has created many new NIH and NSF science opportunities, of which faculty should take advantage.
 - Vice Chancellor for Development – Irene O'Brien has been hired to fill this role.
 - College of Nursing Dean – Dr. William Holzemer, of the University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing, has been hired as Dean of CoN beginning July 1, 2009.
 - Law Dean – An announcement is forthcoming that John Farmer, former Attorney General of New Jersey, will be the new Dean of the Law School.
 - SCJ Dean – The SCJ Dean Search Committee has met with President McCormick and Chancellor Diner to receive its charge. The search firm which helped hire the new law school dean will be working with them.
 - ACE Fellows – This program is for early- to mid-career individuals who seek to hone their academic administration skills. They have selected Rutgers-Newark as a case study. A preliminary version of the program was held in January and an expanded version will begin this coming August.
 - Parking Deck – The purchase of the deck on Washington Street across from the City subway was completed last week. Remediation and repairs will take about one year to complete, and will provide 350 new parking spaces for the campus.
 - Newark Public Schools Research Collaboration – Some grant proposals have already been submitted for serious scholarly research on matters immediately important to the Newark Public Schools. An official announcement will be made this week.
 - Chancellor's Research Day – April 23, 2:00-4:00 pm in Robeson Campus Center Multipurpose Room. Twelve faculty members will talk about their research and provide opportunity for all to learn about the work their colleagues are doing and open doors to collaboration.
- II. Questions to Chancellor from NFC Executive Cabinet** – Chancellor Diner answered questions submitted to him by the NFC Executive Cabinet last month:

- *Under All Funds Budgeting are schools funded in proportion to the amount of funding they bring in?* There is a base budget for each unit. Units receive 55% of their tuition revenues and the remainder goes to central administration. With grants, 45-50% of administrative overload goes back to the campus. The campus holds all but 10.5% for start-up packages.
- *Although about 100 extra faculty lines will be allocated to Newark, there do not seem to be salary dollars to fund them.* New deans have received additional money in their budgets to allow for new hires. Through the university diversification program, funding is also available for diversity cluster hires. Under this program, one half of a new faculty's salary for three years is funded by Central Administration.
- *Has the decline in university applications reflected on Newark?* No, our enrollments are up for next year. If the upward trend continues, there could be 600-700 more admitted students next year. Further, Graduate School applications have increased by 20% overall.

III. Chair's Report – Asela Laguna thanked the council members for their support his year, both personally and professionally. She congratulated Rachel Jones, the incoming Chair. Dr. Laguna proposed that discussion continue next year on some topics including the scheduling grid. She noted that a draft of a new proposal on undergraduate curriculum will be issued shortly, after the next FASN faculty meeting.

Thank you to outgoing members: Laszlo Zaborszky, Stan Hall, Asela Laguna, Lucille Eller, Bonita Veysey, Michael Long, Vijay Atluri, and Diana Sclar.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Have A WONDERFUL SPRING/SUMMER!