

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009 – 11:30 am
Chancellor's Conference Room
Minutes

Attending: A. Chebel-D'Appollonia, J. Caplan, R. Jones, F. Jordan, A. Laguna, W. Ren, D. Sclar, M. Sidney, R. Snyder, T. Szatrowski, I. Watson; M. Brown, G. Roth, C. Martancik, G. Massenburg, S. Piotrowski, M. Ryan, M. Winston, S. Diner, J. Friedland

- I. Chancellor's Report** –Following introductions of members, Chancellor Steven Diner reported on the following matters:
- ACE Fellows – The August 30, 2009 visit of 39 professors from around the country and South Africa generated some significant positive publicity – A Star Ledger article and an editorial. The ACE program is for mid-career individuals, who seek to hone their academic administration skills. They selected Rutgers-Newark as a case study. A preliminary version of the program was undertaken last January. The fellows will report back this coming January at their winter seminar.
 - Enrollment – is the highest ever at around 11,300-11,400 students.
 - Budget – Faculty pay raises, which were to be implemented July 1, 2009, will be deferred until next year, and furloughs will not be required. The 2.75 across-the-board will be instituted on January 1, and the 2.75 merit pool will be applied on July 1, 2010. Since the stimulus package was only for one year, next year's budget may not be as accommodating. State funding is less than it used to be. Tuition now covers 60 percent of the university's budget.
 - Business School New Building – dedication is on October 15.
 - Space Reallocation – SPAA has moved to the building vacated by RBS, now to be called the Center for Urban & Public Service (CPS). All College of Nursing offices will be consolidated in Ackerson Hall. The Admissions Office, now in Blumenthal, is being considered for a move to Engelhard Hall.
 - US News – Rutgers-Newark named Most Diverse National University for 13th year in a row.
 - Faculty Professional Development - Mark Winston and Sherri-Ann Butterfield the program use our diversity as a learning and teaching tool.
 - Suzanne Piotrowski of SPAA – new Faculty Fellow in the Chancellor's Office. She has begun a survey of service learning and experiential learning in all Rutgers-Newark academic programs.
 - Veterans – Gerald Massenburg - The new GI Bill provides generous support for veterans, which makes it attractive for the university to develop programs for them. A campus group has organized and met with various administrative and support services. Gerald will contact deans and department chairs to encourage faculty to assist with this effort by providing advice on courses, programs, etc. A reading of a play written by one of the veterans will be held on campus. The campus has also hired someone experienced in veterans' mental health issues.
 - Facilities - The Board of Governors will vote soon on undergraduate housing proposed for the parking lot behind 15 Washington (for upper level RBS

students), which will also include retail space. President McCormick and Susan Cole, President of Monclair State, are co-chairing a committee for a higher education facilities bond issue.

- Community Engagement Awards – the announcement has been sent to all faculty, staff and students.

II. Chair's Report – Rachel Jones addressed the following matters:

- Executive Cabinet elections – Miklos Vasarhelyi was elected Vice-Chair, and Ian Watson is Secretary. Three additional members need to be elected. Janice Friedland will send a list of nominees by email. As soon as the three members are elected, Rachel will convene a meeting of the cabinet to develop an agenda for a meeting with President McCormick. The cabinet will also develop a list of budget-related questions for Gene Vincenti and Aida Torres of the Chancellor's Office. Another matter suggested for discussion of the NFC this year is online education.
- At Large Senator – The University Senate has one empty slot for a Rutgers-Newark At Large Senator. NFC members were asked to relay this information to their units. Volunteers or nominations should be sent to Janice Friedland. Janice will also contact the deans.

III. H1N1 Flu – Marcia Brown informed the group about efforts being made to prevent the spread of this virus and to handle related academic and administrative matters:

- EMCO – Emergency Management Council – has been coordinating efforts.
- There have been 4 cases suspected since school started.
- They are in contact with the New Brunswick campus and the Dept. of Health.
- Education and Awareness – on the web and postings throughout campus.
- Isolation - When a case is detected, students and staff are urged to go home. Or, students may be isolated in the residence halls.
- Vaccination – Seasonal flu will be distributed this week, H1N1 in October.
- Letter to Faculty – from the Chancellor, will ask that they be flexible with students. Faculty will be encouraged to use their own discretion and to develop a plan for their particular circumstances. Also they need to consider what to do if they are not able to cover their classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next NFC meeting is on **Monday, October 19, 2009, 11:30-1:00, Chancellor's Large Conference Room, CLJ.**