

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2010 – 11:30 am**  
**Chancellor's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**I. Academic Integrity Policy – Martha Cotter**

Dr. Cotter noted that there was a 2008 interim policy, which replaced an older 1987 document. She proceeded to go over a PowerPoint presentation of the main points of the newly drafted policy. Some of these points were:

- Different procedures for separable and non-separable violations.
- Separable violations follow the University Code of Conduct, requiring a hearing before a board of students and faculty.
- Proposed changes include a new honor pledge on exams and assignments, and an Honor Council,
- Non-separable offenses will result in an XF grade, and there will be sanctions for graduate and professional students.
- Honor Council will include students from all three campuses who would play key roles in the process.
- The revised policy was modeled on policies at the University of Maryland and Penn State University.
- A policy website is located on SAKAI.

In constructing the policy draft Dr. Cotter had met in Newark with Gary Roth, and Associate Deans, including John Gunkel of the Honors College. Another draft is due this summer, and the policy will go before the Senate and Board of Governors in the fall of 2011.

It is hoped that the new policy will simplify the reporting process so that more cases could be recorded in a central database, which will make it easier to detect repeat offenses. There are currently only about 15 hearings conducted a year.

**II. Chancellor's Report**

**Budget:** The NJ legislature will probably not restore any part of the approximately \$37 million projected cut to the university budget. The state budget also included plans for Rutgers to absorb Thomas Edison State College, which includes the state museum and library, although Rutgers has not agreed to this takeover. These cuts will set Rutgers' state appropriation back to a 1996 equivalent, making it difficult to cover negotiated pay raises which were deferred to next July. Cuts to academic units were based on the portion of the budget that was state subsidy, not tuition, so the academic cut to the Newark campus was a little bit smaller.

**Community-based learning task force:** The committee is co-chaired by Suzanne Piotrowski and Mark Winston. A report is due soon offering proposals on ways to better track campus community-based learning efforts.

Mark Winston is also developing a plan for systematic data collection on issues of diversity. The plan, to go forward next fall, will gather information from graduating seniors, alumni, and 5-year post-graduates.

**New Campus Housing:** an RFP went out recently for a public/private partnership for new campus housing. One of the designated sites is the parking lot behind 15 Washington Street. The facility will be mixed-use, with retail and parking on the ground level. The campus continues to explore developing the 15 Washington Street building itself as a public/private project.

**History of Newark:** Historian Harold Wechsler's history of Rutgers-Newark will be published as part of a scholarly journal on the history of access to public higher education. Helen Paxton will post Dr. Wechsler's history on the R-N website.

**Announcements:**

- April 22 – Chancellor's Research Day – 12 faculty speakers will briefly share their research. Moderators will be Asela Laguna and Ron Chen. A reception will follow,
- May 6 – Retirement party for Gene Vincenti. Four finalists are currently being interviewed for his position.
- October 13 – Kick off of the University Capital Campaign, with a gala event for donors at the NJPAC.

**III. Chair's Report:** Rachel Jones thanked the Executive Cabinet and the NFC members for the year's accomplishments. These included visits by President McCormick and Vice Presidents Furmanski and Winterbauer, who addressed questions about tuition and grant money. One topic that may be carried over to next year is that of online teaching.

Miklos Vasarhelyi will become NFC chair next year.

Some suggestions were made for other items to discuss next year:

- To invite the president again and pose questions in a way that makes him aware of Rutgers-Newark's unique strengths.
- To examine ways the faculty might contribute constructively to help the campus/university economize or reorganize.
- To explore ways to generate grant funding.
- To develop a business model to improve the budgetary process.

The council thanked Rachel Jones for being an excellent Chairperson and Gene Vincenti for his service and participation on the NFC. Members whose terms are expiring were also thanked: Gary Farney, Maggie Shiffrar, Robert Snyder, Rachel Jones, Susan Feinberg, Jon Hyman, Wen Ren.

**Have a Wonderful Spring and Summer!!!**