

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, November 1, 2010 – 11:30 am
Chancellor's Conference Room
Minutes

In attendance: P. Axel-Lute, G. Frenkel, A. Gilchrist, F. Jordan, R. Oppenheim, W. Ren, J. Ruggiero, D. Sclar, F. Sudit, T. Szatrowski, M. Vasarhelyi, E. Velez; S. Diner; K. Dawkins, M. Ryan, M. Tamasco, J. Friedland.

I. Chair's Report - Miklos Vasarhelyi suggested that the four NFC sub-committees decide on topics they would be interested in covering this year. The council members considered the suggestions made by Ted Szatrowski in his recent email. Fred Sudit suggested an examination of research and teaching loads for clinical appointments. Paul Axel-Lute suggested the NFC consider a review and revision of the NFC bylaws. Miklos requested other members to send topics to him before the next meeting.

II. Chancellor's Report – Chancellor Steven Diner discussed the following matters:

- The Chancellor's Annual Address is this Thursday, November 4, 2:30 pm, in the Robeson Campus Center.
- Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg's \$100 million gift to the City of Newark and the assignment of responsibility of the Newark Public Schools under Mayor Cory Booker - The mayor's office has asked Rutgers-Newark if space is available on campus which can be used by their task force. The matter is currently being discussed. It is possible that the Newark Schools Research Collaborative, co-directed by Paul Tractenberg and Alan Sadovnik, might be involved in assessing the impact of these changes.
- The Living Cities Initiative, a collaboration of the world's largest foundations and financial institutions, has selected five US cities to work with in addressing the needs of the poor. They cited the Newark Schools Research Collaborative and the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development as examples of entities already working successfully with this issue.
- A task force on LBGQT matters, co-chaired by Maggie Shiffrar (Psychology), Shigeo Iwamiya (Housing & Residence Life), and a student, will make recommendations to the chancellor on how to address the needs of LBGQT students.
- CHEN, which was previously an informal association of the University Heights schools, is considering incorporating to take on specific issues such as student housing.
- Campus Events:
 - December 2 – Community Engagement Awards, 4:00 pm, Robeson U-Club.
 - *Cravings* caterers' opening last Friday was made possible by loan from the Profeta Fund connected to RBS's Entrepreneur program.
 - *Amnesty International* is sponsoring a two-day panel which includes Dr. Cornel West and the Rev. William Howard, on *The State of Poverty and Human Rights* tomorrow, November 2, 6:30 pm in the Robeson Center.
 - Gov. Chris Christie will deliver the Paul S. Miller Distinguished Lecture on November 8 at 6:30 pm at the Law School.

- The Center for Migration and the Global City, headed by Tim Raphael, will host an all day conference on the proposed ground zero Islamic center <mailto:shigeo@andromeda.rutgers.edu> November 8 in the Robeson Center.
- Campus Projects:
 - 15 Washington Street – Dr. Diner noted that Kemel Dawkins is currently meeting with developers on financial issues related to converting the former law school building to apartments for graduate students and possibly visiting scholars. Business school input would be welcome, since RBS is now located nearby.

III. Other Business – Discussion continued on issues for NFC committees to consider:

- Over-bureaucratization of the campus – approval for grants and other processes require excess paperwork. Dr. Diner suggested the NFC provide a list of specific concerns.
- Campus services – Computer services, and library and information services often have significant down time, and there may also be concerns about Physical Plant operations.
- The Chancellor suggested that the NFC would best serve the Rutgers-Newark faculty by concentrating on matters of interest to them and their students, such as student suicide prevention and LGBTQ issues.
- The council members discussed how to engage faculty and deal with faculty apathy.
- Faculty involvement with the Newark public schools - Dr. Diner suggested inviting Marcia Brown and Alan Sadovnik to a future NFC meeting. He noted several campus programs which align the campus with the Newark schools.
- Issues from President McCormick’s visit last year – To review the president’s presentation.
- Remedies to consider for entering freshmen who are unprepared for college – Suggestion for a possible summer course on note-taking and study methods.
- Faculty lines dedicated to new fields - Dr. Diner noted that there have been several cluster hires in new areas, such as entrepreneurship and supply chain management, but that the budget dictates the number of new appointments. Deans have been encouraged to hire faculty having joint interests with Global Affairs. It may be helpful to consider areas which would benefit the campus over the next several years.
- It was suggested that the committee on “Other Issues” be changed to one on “Innovations and Planning.”

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2010, 11:30 am, in the Chancellor’s Large Conference Room, CLJ 590.