

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2010 – 11:30 am**  
**Chancellor's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**In attendance:** P. Axel-Lute, A. Chebel-D'Appollonia, G. Frenkel, A. Gilchrist, M. Johansen, W. Ren, J. Ruggiero, D. Sclar, G. Sodikoff, T. Szatrowski, M. Vasarhelyi; S. Diner; M. Brown, K. Dawkins, G. Massenburg, M. Ryan, M. Tamasco, J. Friedland; A. Sadovnik, M. Griffin.

- I. Chair's Report: Miklos Vasarhelyi reported on the following:
- NFC Website – Paul Axel-Lute proposed establishing an NFC website. He will contact Newark Computing Services and set up the site. Janice Friedland will maintain it.
  - Subcommittees will communicate electronically and report at the February meeting.
- II. Athletics Department Self-Study – Director, Mark Griffin explained that the department compliance eligibility review takes place every five years and must be completed by this coming June. He described the various athletic department programs. The Athletics Department website features student profiles. There are 240 student athletes. The majority of Rutgers-Newark student athletes graduate in four years and maintain gpa's over 3.0.
- III. Rutgers-Newark and the Newark Public Schools – Vice Chancellor Marcia Brown and Professor Alan Sadovnik described the campus's various collaborative efforts and outreach programs with the community and the Newark school system. Marcia noted the campus experienced a large increase in Newark student enrollment in the late 1960's after the EOF program (Educational Opportunity Fund) was established, particularly in the Law School. Since 1985 Rutgers-Newark has established a variety of outreach and community service initiatives, from pre-college programs to public service, volunteer efforts, and research. The number is growing every year. Programs are described in a yearly brochure compiled and published by the Office of Campus and Community Relations  
<http://occr.newark.rutgers.edu/Brochure.pdf>

Alan Sadovnik is co-director of the Newark Schools Research Collaborative (NSRC) along with Paul Tractenberg of the Law School with whom he also co-directs the Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP) <http://ielp.rutgers.edu/> has been promoting education reform and improvement through research, policy analysis and public discussion. With \$375,000 in external funding, some of the topics the NSRC is researching include:

- Alternative exams for high school graduation
- A study on the Newark teacher workforce
- A collaboration with the Newark Charter School fund
- Most recently, consulting with the City of Newark on the \$100 million Mark Zuckerberg/Facebook gift and matching funds.

The Newark campus recently submitted a large Promise Neighborhoods federal grant proposal, which narrowly missed being approved. Changes are being made and the proposal will be resubmitted next year with confidence it will be awarded.

Also of note, Roberta Schorr, Professor in Urban Education, was this year's recipient of the Chancellor's Community Research Award for Community Research. Dr. Schorr has a major NSF grant for teacher development in mathematics in the Newark Public Schools, which has helped to significantly increase the math scores of students in grades 6-9.

Marcia Brown described other notable RU-N educational outreach successes:

- American History High School is a magnet school RU-N helped establish in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Society and the NJ Historical Society.
- Professor Alec Gates' Geosciences K-12 programs in the Newark Public Schools and his work with the Newark Museum.
- The Newark Mentoring Coalition – providing RU-N resources for this new non-profit.
- RU Ready 4 Work – youth workforce development program.
- Collegiate Debate Team – housed in SPAA – December 8 at 2:30 - Streetcar Debate: Should the New York Islamic Cultural Center be Built Near Ground Zero?

Discussion followed on the benefits of earlier intervention in the public schools to sell students on the idea of college in general, not just Rutgers-Newark

How can the NFC help? – Dr. Sadovnik noted that the NSRC and IELP call upon faculty fellows, mostly from the social sciences. Marcia Brown suggested that faculty contact her to be mentors, or send her ideas for programs that can be designed if there are students and resources available. Faculty may contact Alan Sadovnik to help with research projects.

Chancellor Diner noted that the new Office on Community Based Learning will be making grants available to faculty for pilot courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011, 11:30 am in the Chancellor's Large Conference Room, CLJ 590.

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