

**Newark Faculty Council**  
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**Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2011 – 11:30 am**  
**Chancellor's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

**In attendance:** P. Axel-Lute, A. Gilchrist, M. Johansen, R. Oppenheim, W. Ren, D. Sclar, G. Sodikoff, T. Szatrowski, M. Vasarhelyi, E. Velez, I. Watson; S. Diner; M. Brown, K. Dawkins, A. Gates, D. Hill, G. Massenburg, J. Friedland.

I. **Chancellor's Report:** Chancellor Steven Diner reported on the following:

- Introduction of Alec Gates, new Vice Chancellor for Research
- Announcement that Carol Martancik's husband passed away.
- Division of Global Affairs – the finalist from the 2007 search, Dr. Jean-Marc Coicaud, who had then declined our offer, is now interested in the position and will visit the campus on February 15.
- Assistant Vice Chancellor Mark Winston is developing a diversity outcomes program to obtain objective data on the value of our campus diversity.
- Business school dean, Michael Cooper has stepped down. Professor Glenn Shafer will serve as interim dean. The RBS Dean Search Committee is interviewing the first round of candidates this week.
- The January report of the Kean Committee, appointed by Governor Christie to study higher education, calls for greater financial support for higher education and more/continued support for Rutgers University. The report gave kudos to Rutgers-Newark. It recommended serious consideration be given to combining the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School with Rutgers-NB, and possibly combining medical schools in Camden and Newark with the campuses in those locations. The governor announced he will appoint a special committee to consider the report's recommendations. The Kean Committee report also recommended more housing and financial support for Rutgers-Newark.
- Newark campus housing projects – detailed business plans are being submitted to New Brunswick for projects at 15 Washington Street and the Essex Street lot.
- Marion Thompson Wright lecture – this Saturday, February 19 – “Beauty and the Black Body.”
- Chancellor Diner and President McCormick will meet with GLBT leaders on February 21.
- The University Senate will meet on February 25 on the Newark campus.
- During a summit with business leaders at One Washington Park (RBS building), the governor noted the need to strengthen our higher education institutions.

II. **NFC Bylaws – Revisions:** Paul Axel-Lute and Ian Watson have made some suggestions on changes to the council's bylaws. The proposed revisions were distributed to all members. Prof. Axel-Lute also proposed adding a standing committee on rules of procedure governing elections. Discussion followed on the proposal to permit NFC membership for clinical and

other full-time faculty. After some discussion, it was decided that the language be changed to include “clinical faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above.”

The council considered suggested wording on confidentiality for Article III, Section 12. Paul, Ian and Ted will examine this matter further.

III. **Campus Safety Update:** Chief Michael Lattimore described efforts being made to strengthen campus safety and to reassure the campus in light of recent incidents. Some of these measures include a camera check twice a month, assignment of an overnight walking police post, and assignment of extra CSOs (student Community Service Officers) to every building. Officers will be watching out for anyone not affiliated with the university. Chief Lattimore will form an advisory committee.

The layoff of Newark city officers does not greatly affect our campus since we mostly depend on our own security force working with UMDNJ and NJIT.

Kemel Dawkins noted that other measures are also being considered including modifications in bathrooms such as installation of panic buttons. An alert was issued recently regarding carjacking. The campus safety budget is being increased. Chancellor Diner noted that concerns for safety must be balanced with a desire to retain the image of an accessible, open campus and to minimize fear. Edin Velez noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Bradley Hall houses expensive equipment and that access to that level can be reached through the building’s side entrance which is not monitored. Dr. Diner stressed the importance of informing students and staff to report anything out of the ordinary.

#### **511 – Campus Emergency extension**

A suggestion was made to produce updated small wallet-sized cards with emergency numbers and instructions. Ted Szatrowski will form a committee for this purpose.

Marcia Brown noted that faculty members are needed on the campus Threat Assessment Team. She will email the council on this matter.

#### IV. **Other Business:**

- Council members expressed condolences on the passing of Carol Martancik’s husband and on RBS Professor Ronald Armstrong’s passing.
- Marcia Brown reported that the campus debate team beat Cornell in a competition at Amherst University. The next debate, on cyber-bullying, is on March 30 in the Robeson Campus Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011, at 11:30 am, in the Chancellor’s Large Conference Room, CLJ 590.