

Newark Faculty Council
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Meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011 – 11:30 am
Chancellor's Conference Room
Minutes

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

- Budget - The proposed state budget is flat for Rutgers. There will likely be tuition increases, but they will not be determined until July.
- UMDNJ committee – This committee is looking at the future of UMDNJ in New Brunswick, Newark, and Stratford. It will report by September 1.
- Commencement ceremony speakers have been selected and are posted online at: <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/commencement/>
- Child Care Center plans are moving forward with an opening scheduled for September. It will have capacity for 30 children, 2 ½ to 5 years old.
- Research Day – Vice Chancellor for Research, Alec Gates, talked about the April 25 Undergraduate Research Day and plans for expanding the event next year. The Honors College organized this year's event at which posters were presented by about 53 undergraduate students, 30 from the Honors College, and 23 others. The event was attended by 300-400 people. One of the posters, dealing with the NJ Meadowlands and climate change, will be displayed in Trenton. Plans are being considered to also expand Chancellor's Research Day, which is for faculty, and to possibly add a day to showcase graduate research. Dr. Gates recently organized Dinosaur Day at the Newark Museum.
- DeStress Fest – Marcia Brown, Vice Chancellor for Student and Community Affairs, talked about the very successful event which serves to help students around exam time.
- Residence Hall at 15 Washington Street - An architectural firm is doing a preliminary design and feasibility assessment of 15 Washington Street and the Essex Street parking lot. The project would take about three years to complete.

II. **Chair's Report:** Miklos Vasarhelyi reported on the following:

- Executive Cabinet - Nominations will be solicited for Executive Cabinet members before the end of the month.
- Sub Committees – Council members will be expected to choose a committee for the coming year. Paul Axel-Lute agreed to chair the Bylaws and Governance Committee, Asela Laguna-Diaz will chair the Academic Affairs Committee. **A chart with the committees is attached, with choices made previously indicated. Please advise Janice Friedland by the end of May if you wish to change your choice, and please choose a committee if you have not already done so.**

III. Diversity Outcomes Assessment – Mark Winston described plans to measure how students are affected by diversity on the Rutgers-Newark campus and how the remarkable diversity here influences and prepares them after graduation. The University of Michigan is being used as a model.

All entering freshmen take the CIRP Freshman Survey administered through the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI). The survey, which is linked to the admissions process, offers some questions on diversity. FASN also administers a Senior Survey, which in the past has been linked to the graduation process. Some of the questions the new senior survey will pose are:

- What kinds of experiences graduating students had while in college
- Satisfaction with the college experience relating to diversity
- Satisfaction with the academic environment, separating classroom and social experiences.

The new senior survey will be administered by the deans' offices. Individual invitations will be sent to students. A suggestion was made to use another institution as a control group. Eventually the survey will have multiple components. The anticipated response rate is unknown. Results of the senior survey will be correlated with the freshman survey and may also be compared with surveys from several previous consecutive years.

IV. Other Business

- Discussion on how to use warning grades to identify troubled students.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER – SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!