

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Wednesday, May 29, 2013 – 10:00-12:00
Chancellor's Conference Room 590
Center for Law & Justice

Minutes

In attendance: *Elected Members* Paul Axel-Lute, Janet Larson, Piotr Piotrowiak, Wen-Hua Ren, Jeanne Ruggiero, Alexander Sannella, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Edin Velez; *Executive Associate, Chancellor's Office,* Janice Friedland; *Invited faculty FASN,* Jyl Josephson.

- I. Alex Sannella and an ad hoc group of NCAS faculty met recently with Rutgers Vice President Nancy Winterbauer to discuss the budget allocation disparities of the three Rutgers campuses. Dr. Winterbauer explained that the university had never previously submitted individual campus budget reports to the State. As a result of the merger with UMDNJ, however, the university would be required to do so for the first time and would need to devise new methods to allocate and calculate the numbers. Dr. Sannella explained that tuition revenue has up to now been parsed 45% to the University and 55% to the campus, an 'expense ratio' formula. The new formula would be based on "resource-centered management". The campus would keep all tuition income with a small 'hold back' for expenses.

It is still not clear how the numbers have been calculated up until now, nor how they will be calculated going forward. Nancy Winterbauer's office has agreed to provide historical data. Concern was expressed by council members that the campus administration may not be equipped to determine what the correct numbers should be. We do not know what the university will charge the campus when a responsibility-centered budget is introduced. We would like to have advance information so that we may opt to use private sources for some campus services - to go outside of the system for cost-savings.

Council members agreed that instead of being confrontational the NFC might invite key central administrators to a meeting in the fall semester to discuss how operations may run more efficiently – to determine what is and what is not working.

It was noted that there are reduced administrative services in Newark compared to New Brunswick and there is no way of knowing whether central administration is providing the services needed. Some consolidation of services would benefit the campus while others would make operations more cumbersome (ie Physical Plant, Security).

It would be helpful to compile a list of specific issues.

- II. Resolution – Janet Larson presented a draft of two resolutions (below) dealing with issues of pressing concern to the campus:
- a. AAU Membership (determined to be the most important of the two issues)
 - b. Budget Matters

The resolutions were approved by the eight NFC members present at today's meeting. A copy will be circulated by email to all current members permitting approval by those who were not in attendance. It will then be sent to President Barchi and VP Winterbauer, with a copy to the Newark Chancellor's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Resolutions of the Newark Faculty Council (5/29/13)

Resolution 1: AAU Membership

Whereas President Barchi pledged at the Newark Faculty Town Hall meeting on 2 May 2013 to clarify to the Association of American Universities that the New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden campuses all belong to the AAU as constituting one Rutgers University, as has historically been the case:

The Newark Faculty Council endorses the request that the President follow through with AAU directly on this pledge.

Resolution 2: Budgetary Equity and Transparency

Whereas as a public institution we have a right to full transparency in the public interest:

The Newark Faculty Council endorses a request to President Barchi to provide complete budgetary and historical data to clarify the bases for equitable campus funding.