

Newark Faculty Council
Meeting of Monday, November 24, 2014
11:30-1:0
Chancellor's Conference Room – CLJ
Notes (recorded by Lenore Pearson)

I. Chair's Report:

Barry Komsaurk – Approved the minutes, nothing new to report. Would like clarification on the different funding mechanisms – Nabil Adam for RAC and seed grants. Would like clarification on what the two are. Dr. Malloy also has matching funds.

Ray Leibman – Congratulate Lei Lei as the new Dean.

Todd – Also thrilled that Lei is on board.

Barry Komisaruk – Public Safety Update.

II. Provost's Report:

Todd Clear – Several conversations about Public Safety update. It is useful to discuss what's been happening with the different groups and it will continue to grow. Rutgers University-Newark Police Department is in collaboration and Chief Huertas is the key administrator. The plan is to take this presentation on the road and show it to people. Public Safety is a high priority for Newark. This presentation will also be made to the Chancellor's Cabinet.

Creating ideas about Public Safety, Fear of Crime and Risk of Crime are on two different trajectories and require different trajectories. Fear and risk are spatially concentrated. There are reactive strategies that have a greater effect on risk. Proactive (intelligence led) strategies have a greater effect on risk. Spatial strategies for risk and fear have the most payoff.

Risk of serious crime: At Rutgers in the City of Newark, 9% of the space accounts for 50% of the gun violence. Spatially, Rutgers Newark is very low income and sits in a buffered area of low victimization. Routine theft is by far the most common complaint compared to other NJ college campuses. Rutgers Newark reports roughly average levels of serious crime. Clery warnings are a source of fear but do little about serious crime risk (off campus alerts). The reputation of fear is a significant issue and requires systemic attention. Fear attaches to incidents and places (Hill Hall; Parking lots; Blumenthal Hall) but these are not all high incidence locations.

Professor's Kennedy and Kaplan created a safety map. Rutgers Newark 2014 Safety Color Map. Last year the consolidation of Rutgers University Police Department was

created. The accreditation of RUPD, structure and bargaining units, grown in sworn patrol force from 33 to 49 (60 positions now authorized). Security officers increased from 37 to 102 (113 positions now authorized). Improved information base for strategic policing has been integrated across space. We have significantly enhanced the flexibility of more patrol, increased the visibility of foot patrol and mobile units. There is a new leadership team in place with increased availability of resources.

This year; Central Dispatch, has state of the art technology. Improved information, better 911 coordination, capacity for intelligence base for planning, statewide communication capability, ability to move identical resources and eliminate redundant communication for Executive Leadership. They have moved Newark dispatch to front desk as reception 24/7, reassigned some security personnel to “posts” in buildings and we now share the record management system.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles: Between 8/1 – 11/1 there have been 14 thefts from motor vehicles, mostly on city streets. Goodwill and churches are expanding dinner meal times. Hand out flyers and education. We had 5 arrests. We have joint unmarked patrol cars and a bait car.

This Year: Anchor Institution Agenda, creation of Strategic research unity in NPD under Anthony Braga. Establishment of Safer Newark Council to better coordinate initiatives. Linkage of Police Institute to Downtown Business District.

Additional Security Enhancements: Camera Project, installation of security cameras with Network capability (University and Bleeker Street).

Next Meeting, Bonnie Veysey will discuss the Strategic Plan Initiative.