

**Newark Faculty Council**  
**Meeting of September 22, 2008 – 11:30 am**  
**Chancellor's Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

In Attendance: V. Atluri, L. Eller, G. Farney, S. Hall, J. Hyman R. Jones, F. Jordan, A. Laguna, M. Long, W. Ren, D. Sclar, R. Snyder, J. Tepper, I. Watson, L. Zaborszky; S. Diner, M. Brown, G. Massenburg, M. Ryan, A. Torres, G. Vincenti, J. Friedland.

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

- Personnel Matters
  - Lucille Joel has been appointed College of Nursing Interim Dean. The search for dean which began late in the year, was not successful. The committee will reconvene in two weeks. Law Dean, Stuart Deutsch is chair of the committee.
  - Mark Winston, the new Director of Dana Library and Assistant Chancellor, will concentrate on matters of diversity and explore connections between the library and the larger community.
  - Simon Reich, of the University of Pittsburgh, Ford Institute, is the new Director of the Division of Global Affairs.
  - Richee Smith, Vice Chancellor for Development, is on maternity leave.
  - Sherri-Ann Butterfield of the Sociology & Anthropology Dept., is the first Chancellor's Faculty Fellow. She will spend a year on special projects. She will review campus efforts dealing with Urban Education and the Newark Public Schools, and also those relating to Immigration. She will work with Dana Library Director Mark Winston on a professional development program which will help faculty use diversity in the classrooms as a pedagogical tool. Sherri-Ann will also be the Chancellor's representative on a committee on undergraduate education to be co-chaired by Deans Yeagle and Cooper.
- The Search Committee for Dean of the School of Law, chaired by Norman Samuels has convened and met with the executive search firm representative.
- The new Newark Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Clifford B. Janey, asked R-N to house a Research Consortium to study issues relating to the Newark Public Schools and student performance. This will provide a method of accountability which will not be self-serving. Paul Tractenberg of the Law School and Alan Sadvnik of Urban Education are assisting in this effort by examining a Chicago school system model. The consortium will also include the Newark Charter Schools in its work.
- Enrolment in Newark has reached an unprecedented high of 11,000 students. Through All Funds Budgeting, higher enrolment numbers translate as additional funds for the campus, helping to defray some of the budget cuts.
- Real Estate/Facilities:
  - Life Science Building - Third floor is being outfitted.
  - 15 Washington St. will be a combination of graduate apartments and offices. RBS Dean Michael Cooper is negotiating with accounting firms to rent space. The firms will benefit from access to RBS students.
  - 1 Washington Park: R-N and NJIT will be parties to a major City of Newark development plan designated for the Broad Street Station area.
  - Campus residence halls are at 103 percent of capacity. Plans are being discussed for another residence hall, possibly behind 15 Washington St., which may be assigned to business students.

- The campus is in the final stages of negotiations for the parking garage on Washington Street. It will not be operational until 2010 since additional time will be needed for environmental remediation.
- Announcements:
  - Thursday, September 25 - Dana Library reception for Mark Winston
  - October 2, 2pm, RCC, Multipurpose Rm - Chancellor's Address to the Campus
  - October 5 – Law Dean Stuart Deutsch to be honored by the NJ Appleseed Public Interest Law Center.
  - October 23, 4pm, RCC Multipurpose Room - Chancellor's Distinguished Faculty Lecture and Reception – Visual & Performing Arts Professor Annette Juliano <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/research/juliano.pdf>
- Discussion:
  - The committee members were interested in knowing how much the campus has received as a result of the university's fund raising campaign (\$121 million in private donations for 2007-2008) in light of the recent \$13 million anonymous donation to the Livingston Campus for the business school. Dr. Diner noted that the campus has received significant support for various building projects, especially the new RBS external building at One Washington Park.
  - The NJ Transit student program was successful last week. Faculty and staff also were able to benefit from the free rides.

## **II. Introduction of Mark Winston – Director of Dana Library**

Dr. Winston introduced himself and discussed his plans for the library. He will meet with deans and groups of faculty. The focus will be on the library as an academic partner with the various campus units, to include faculty research, interdisciplinary centers, and collaborations to develop library research collections. He will also be looking at the library's hiring/staffing needs and community engagement matters.

## **III. Chair's Report – Asela Laguna**

- Executive Cabinet vote – members of the Executive Cabinet for this year are: Vice Chair: Rachel Jones (CoN), Secretary: Wen Hua Ren (Dana), Members: Margaret Shiffar (Psych.), Frank Jordan (Chemistry), Diana Sclar (Law)
- The NFC needs to develop a set of budgetary concerns and issues. Last year the council concentrated on undergraduate teaching loads. It may be useful to examine the same topic at the graduate level.
- University Senate – concern was expressed that Newark does not have full representation in New Brunswick at Senate meetings. It was noted that senators in most units do attend meetings and are members of committees.
- The council members requested that the Chancellor's Office report on how increased enrolment affects campus services such as library use, computing, student life areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008, 11:30 am, in the Chancellor's Conference Room