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Robert L. Barchi, President

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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the Report and Recommendations on Charge S-0909A related to University College, as adopted by the University Senate in March 2012. The members of the Student Affairs Committee have my thanks for their attention to the important academic and student service needs of non-traditional students.

I am pleased to report that the University just last week established a task force that will examine the issues faced by non-traditional students, review how other colleges and universities are serving non-traditional undergraduates, and propose mechanisms and structures for how to best serve these students at Rutgers. The task force is chaired by Distinguished Professor Susan Schurman, Dean of the School of Management and Labor Relations and Dean of the University College Community; Dean Schurman is ideally suited for this role given her broad experience helping non-traditional students achieve their educational goals. Additionally, the task force includes representatives from all Rutgers campuses. They are likely to address many of the concerns and recommendations raised in your report. The task force has been asked to submit its report and recommendations to Executive Vice President Edwards by the end of the spring 2014 semester.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Richard L. Edwards, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Susan Schurman, Dean SMLR and UCC, and Chair of the Non-Traditional
Student Task Force