Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, September 13, 1999 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost Conference Room


I. Provost’s Report - Provost Samuels reported on the following matters:

Campus Developments
- New Center for Law & Justice dedication ceremony, 9/9/99, generated significant publicity.
- Renovations to Bradley Hall will take another few months to complete.
- The Governor will be approving legislation for capital improvement funding to be earmarked for infrastructure upgrades and repairs to existing facilities.

City of Newark Developments
- The Baseball stadium is operational.
- A Proposal for the downtown arena construction is being developed.
- Besides being given the top ranking for diversity, Rutgers-Newark is ranked by US News in the second tier nationally under Best Values.

Contracts
- The AAUP contract has been successfully renegotiated before the old contract’s expiration date. It includes a 10% increase in TA stipends.
- Discussions are continuing on the ASFME (clerical union) contract.
- Non-aligned staff will receive updated information on the pay-for-performance policy.

II. Chair’s Report

Marc Holzer thanked outgoing chair Charles Russell and last year’s Executive Cabinet members. He would like to focus this year on monitoring university procedures and problem-solving/partnership with the campus administration. His suggestion to organize research conferences on campus was well received. It would be interdepartmental, held once a month, possibly in the University Club, with invited speakers to be suggested by Provost Samuels.

III. Results of Election for Executive Cabinet Officers
The Executive Cabinet will meet prior to the next general meeting.

IV. Additional Business

The process of identifying and handling teaching and research problems was discussed. Dr. Samuels indicated that the Provost’s Office addresses these matters as soon as they are submitted.

Also introduced for further discussion was the topic of grade inflation and how to handle students with disabilities. It was suggested that Jim Credle at FASN be consulted about the latter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting will be on Monday, October 18, 1999. Please send agenda items to Janice Friedland at the Provost’s Office, jafried@andromeda, tel. Ext. 5541.