Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, March 20, 2000 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost Conference Room
5th Floor -123 Washington Street - Center for Law & Justice

In attendance: Nabil Adam, Marc Holzer, Jonathan Hyman, Barry Komisaruk, Nancy Redeker, Wen-Hua Ren, Charles Russell, Diana Sclar, Mercer Sullivan, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Norman Samuels, Carol Martancik, Harvey Feder, Norman Schnayer, Raymond Smith, Gene Vincenti, Janice Friedland.

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

Campus Update
- RUNet 20000 - Installation is underway
- Higher Education Facilities Improvement Fund - has been delayed a bit due to the Seton Hall fire. The Board of Governors should consider our plans within the month.
- Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies – this will be financed by a $2.4 million grant from the Fund for New Jersey and some of the funding from the Higher Education Facilities Improvement Fund. A brownstone will be renovated on Bleecker Street for the center and a director has been hired.
- The Law School has received a $2 million gift for the Allan Lowenstein Chair, the first chair for Rutgers-Newark. Other gifts to the Law School include a $1.8 million donation and other more moderately substantial gifts.
- New faculty hiring is in full swing across the campus.

City of Newark
- The downtown sports arena is becoming more of a reality.
- the New Newark Foundation, with funding from Prudential, is undertaking the renewal of the Halsey Street area.
- Downtown housing proposals include 1180 Raymond Blvd., to be occupied by Seton Hall students and also being considered for student housing by Rutgers-Newark.
- Science Park - the site is being prepared on Warren Street.
- The Bambergers/Macys building is being transformed into a hub for telecommunications companies.
- The Mutual Benefits Life Building is now occupied by IDT.
- 744 Broad Street is also undergoing renovation and will house telecommunications companies.

Carnegie Classification Harvey Feder reported that the Newark Campus will soon have 13 of the 15 doctoral disciplines needed to qualify for the New Doctoral Research University status. The consensus of the
Faculty Council was that the campus should continue pursuing the additional two doctoral programs.

15 Washington St. Two proposals have been submitted for converting the building to a hotel/conference center.

II Enrolment

Ray Smith noted that spring enrolment figures for the campus are slightly down from last year. Dr. Samuels emphasized again the importance of increasing these numbers and the relationship they have to other campus resources. It is important that enrolment rise to the 10,000-student level. That is inclusive of graduate and undergraduate enrolment. The success of the FAS-N Honors College and the fact that the School of Management will be permitted to accept freshman helps somewhat.

III Distance Learning

Miklos Vasarhelyi reported on the future of electronic education. Part-time students are being drawn to the new electronic universities and professional association courses for extended education. The university is being helped in this area by RUNet 2000, but it is becoming increasingly important for the campus to seriously address this issue. It was suggested that a discussion be initiated on the council web site, or a seminar be held on this topic. Dr. Vasarhelyi will bring a draft seminar agenda to the next meeting.

IV Broadcast E-mail

It was decided that for longer memos or e-mails, it would be better to broadcast a catchy, brief notice directing recipients to a web site where they might read or respond to information at their leisure.

V Senate-At-Large open positions

Two nominations have been received for the three open slots on the University Senate. Due to the limited response, a committee of faculty council members will vote to approve the two submissions and bypass the usual campus faculty balloting procedure.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room - 5th Floor - 123 Washington Street, Center for Law & Justice.