Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, April 17, 2000 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost Conference Room
5th Floor -123 Washington Street - Center for Law & Justice


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

- The Board of Governors is expected to approve the Facilities Improvement funding, which will amount to about $40 million for the campus.
- Assistant professors will be notified of tenure decisions shortly.
- Raymond Chambers will receive an honorary degree at this year’s Arts & Sciences commencement. He has been a key influence in Newark’s development projects.

II April 15th Open House Activity - Ray Smith

Despite the inclement weather, about 1,000 people attended. Visitors had an opportunity to see many campus attractions. Items to consider for next year: basic skills tests prevented some students from taking part of some of the activities; shuttle bus from Penn Station was not well publicized.

It was noted that a meeting organized by Prof. Barbara Foley of a University-wide Student Affairs Committee will discuss recent student responses to a survey on campus services. Directors of some of the student services will attend.

III Chair’s Report - Marc Holzer discussed the following items:

- Broadcast Email - An online survey on the campus bookstore worked well for students, but did not receive many faculty responses.
- Announced Senator-At-Large representatives:
  3-Year Term ending June 30, 2003
  Professor Asela Laguna-Diaz, Classical & Modern Language and Literature.

1-Year Term ending June 30, 2001
Professor Gloria McNeal, College of Nursing.

3-Year Term ending June 30, 2003 (Other Research and Academic Units)
Professor Laszlo Zaborszky, Center for Behavioral & Molecular Neuroscience.
- Members of the Executive Committee were unable to attend the meeting of the President’s Advisory Committee last Friday.
- The New Brunswick Faculty Council wants to establish a review of central administrators. This may be proposed at the next University Senate meeting.

IV Distance Learning Seminar Draft

The Council discussed the seminar draft submitted by Miklos Vasarhelyi. It was decided to hold a half-day session for the Council before organizing a schedule for all faculty. Focus will be on two items in Miklos Vasarhelyi’s outline: the Scenario for distance learning around the country; and Pedagogic considerations. Vice Presidents Ray Caprio and Joseph Seneca will be contacted for information they may contribute. Various publications will be collected for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.