Newark Faculty Council
Minutes
Meeting of Monday, November 26, 2001 - 11:30 a.m.
Provost’s Conference Room - CLJ - 5th floor


I Chair’s Report

Nabil Adam reported on the following items:

A. President’s Faculty Advisory Committee meeting in Camden on November 9th. John Randall represented the NFC. The group discussed:
   - CAPS proposal - It seems to now be in the hands of the Senate.
   - Budget - Faculty/staff are urged to write to legislators to support Rutgers. Retirement incentives are one suggestion for alleviating a budget cut.
   - Rutgers actions relative to September 11th, ie. disaster planning.
   - Rutgers’ relationship with the incoming governor.

B. RU-CAPS
   - It was noted that there is no Newark representative on the Senate Governance Committee. A vote on CAPS is not due until January. The Senate vote is a recommendation to the President who gives his own recommendation to the Board of Governors. Ray Caprio is working on a revision in response to comments he has received. Dr. Samuels suggested that each school’s senator be more proactive on this matter.

II Update on Safety and Security

Police Chief Martin Roddini was introduced by Gene Vincenti, who distributed security handouts and urged the use of the Newark web page as primary browser. Marty Roddini reviewed actions taken to respond to anthrax and bomb scares on campus. A more concerted effort is being made to distribute information about crimes occurring on or near the campus. It does not mean that crimes have increased. A special Street Crime Response Unit (SCRU) has been established. The university police will be happy to escort anyone who feels uncomfortable traversing the campus at night or off-hours. Chief Roddini noted that faculty need to be alert to potentially dangerous situations in classrooms or elsewhere.

Newark Campus closings for weather emergencies may be different than New Brunswick and the University as a whole. It is important to check the Newark Campus website or call campus information (973-353-1766) for campus-specific information.

III Provost’s Report - Tabled until next time since the meeting was running late.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Newark Faculty Council meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2002. Happy Holidays!