Meeting of the Camden Faculty Council
Minutes
November 30, 2017
Viewing Room, Campus Center, 2:30 p.m.

Attending:
Chair: Perry Dane
Members: Lynne Vallone, Marla Blunt-Carter, Paul More, Sam Rabinowitz (conferenced in), Edwina Haring, Andy Shankman, Naomi Marmorstein, Richard Harris, Bonnie Jerome Demilia and Julie Still
Administration: Chancellor Phoebe Haddon, Provost Michael Palis, Loree Jones (Chief of Staff)
Guest: Ann Gould (Co-Chair for Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee and Working Group) & Chris Retzko (Director of Special Projects, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs)
Absent: None

Agenda
1. Approval of the minutes
2. Election of Chair (postponed from last meeting of the 2016-17 term of the Council)
3. Introduction of New and Returning Members
4. Presentation on Reaccreditation Process
5. Discussion of report of the University Teaching Evaluation Taskforce
6. General discussion of Council priorities for the Spring Semester
7. Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration
8. New business
9. Adjournment

1. Approval of the minutes
A motion to approve minutes of the meeting of the Camden Faculty Council (CFC) on May 2, 2017 was raised, seconded, and approved unanimously.

2. Election of Chair
The Election for Chair was conducted. A motion to nominate Perry Dane was made, seconded and Perry was unanimously voted in for another term.

3. Introduction of New and Returning Members

4. Presentation on Reaccreditation Process
Ann Gould, Co-Chair for Middle-States Self-Study Steering Committee and Working Group, presented the Middle States Reaccreditation Process.
Middle States is a voluntary non-profit regional group.
All institutions must go through the Middle States Reaccreditation process to be eligible for federal funds. Middle States accredits Rutgers as one institution.

Purpose: University meets certain standards of quality, encourage a culture of continuous improvement, involve faculty, students and staff in institutional planning, provide institutional accountability to state, gov't and public stakeholders.
The Self-study is to ensure we are who we say we are and that we are doing what is expected.
Self-Study: Link: https://middlestates.rutgers.edu
Our last self-study conducted in 2015 and the last accreditation for Rutgers was 2015.
New policy: Middle states has moved to annual review process
Middle States reviews using a list of standards and accreditation:
- There are seven standards now instead of fourteen
- Different work groups are assigned for each standard
Self-study has an Executive Summary
Includes self-identified suggestions
Overall message to Middle States: We celebrate who we are (Rutgers), fulfilling our mission.
Evaluation Team:
Visiting March 19-22
Dr. Baron (President of Penn State) will be leading the evaluation process and in December, the draft of the Self-study will go to the BOG for approval in Jan. 2018.
The expectation is for the University to be fully accredited after the March visit.
The faculty role is to spread the word about the visit with your constituents and review the document.
Any questions or feedback must be sent via middlestates2018@rutgers.edu by the week of December 4, 2017.
It is imperative that all websites, links etc. represents Rutgers as one institution.

5. Discussion of report of the University Teaching Evaluation Taskforce
Perry Dane acknowledged two issues of concern with the Taskforce Report:
- Doesn't address specific areas of teaching standards based on student ratings
- Non-tenure track faculty, no positive consequence only negative, evaluated for every course
Provost Palis assured the committee that feedback is solicited:
- Evaluations on teaching is not based on student ratings alone, also based on curriculum development, course development, etc.
- Goal of the evaluation is not more work, it is to get a full assessment of teaching and this is why faculty feedback is important
- This is a document that is still being discussed
Perry will circulate a collective response on the Task force evaluation.

6. General discussion of Council priorities for the Spring Semester
Will re-visit priorities, time did not permit discussion.

7. Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration
Chancellor Haddon acknowledged the great activities and events held on Campus.
She recognized Bill Fitzgerald and the Rutgers Reads Team for their hard work on making Hidden Figures a success. The ground breaking of the Joint Health Science bldg. Our enrollment is at a record high of 7,000 students with more 18 year olds on campus with the success of the Bridging the Gap program. Successful Searches have concluded with talented individuals fulfilling roles as Vice Chancellor of Student Success (Jason Rivera), Director of Robeson Library (Regina Koury) and Director of Marketing (Susan Strayter). Currently, the Dean of the School of Nursing Search is progressing.

There has been outside recognition of faculty with great outcomes. The Chancellor recognized Prof. Stacy Hawkins (Law School), who just won the prestigious Derrick Bell Award from the American Association of Law Schools and her colleague Katie Eyer (Law School), who received the Junior Faculty Teaching Award from the Society of American Law Teachers. Also, Patrick Rosal (English Department), has been named a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Creative Writing Fellow.
The campus is looking forward to some renovations with talk of a new Business School bldg. The state of New Jersey already has invested $5 million in this project, and, under the leadership of our business Dean Jai Ganesh, we are about to engage an architect to help us develop plans.

We are excited about the launch of our new magazine, which will recognize many more accomplishments ahead.

President Barchi facilitated a Town Hall that brought forth some very good dialogue among those attending.
The Chancellor reiterates that she is open for dialogue from faculty and students about campus concerns and ideas.

8. **New business**
There was no new business.

9. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.

**Next Meeting:**
Date and Location TBD
Minutes prepared and submitted by,
Celeste Williams
Secretary to the Camden Faculty Council