Meeting of the Camden Faculty Council

Minutes

September 27, 2018
Private Dining Room, Campus Center,
12:45 PM

Attending Chair: Andrew Shankman

Members: Paul More Jr., Sam Rabinowitz, Perry Dane, Naomi Marmorstein, Chris Lim, Marla Blunt-Carter, Julie Still and Bonnie Jerome Demilia

Administration: Chancellor Phoebe Haddon, Provost Palis, Loree Jones, Chief-of-Staff

Absent: Lynne Vallone and Edwina Haring

Agenda
1. Approval of the minutes.
2. Announcements, if any.
3. Faculty Development: Associate Professor Initiatives, Other Initiatives.
4. Discussion of University Finances, Budgeting: Faculty Expectations and Involvement.
5. Discussion of Other Possible Priorities for the Year.
6. Discussion of Resolution on the Built Environment. (See attachment)
8. Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration.
9. Adjournment
1. Approval of the minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Camden Faculty Council (CFC) on May 10, 2018 was raised, seconded, and approved unanimously.

2. Announcements, if any
There were no announcements.

3. Faculty Development: Associate Professor Initiatives, Other Initiatives.
Andy discussed having faculty come together with ideas to help other faculty succeed in their goals.

Naomi proposed faculty in Camden work with Beth Tracy (NB, Sen. Dir. of Faculty Dev.) on writing accountability groups and increasing programs for different career challenges commonly faced. She suggested adding a cohesive structure in place for ongoing programs.

Sam shared his involvement with the Rutgers Connection Network which offers a mentor/mentee and peer/peer relationships for faculty.

Provost Palis informed the group about a couple of programs that are now available for faculty through Barbara Lee’s office. There is the EECE mentoring program for faculty; a program involving junior faculty/1st to 3rd yr. mentored by senior faculty--there is a need for 50+ faculty to be involved. Additionally, there is the Oasis for Leadership program that has 20+ faculty involved.

Bonnie suggested the faculty council get in touch with Sara Allred (Rand Inst.) for help with getting grant in budget.

Naomi discussed the need for project mentoring and a pre-review program. Provost Palis suggested getting Benedetto to help with this idea.

Andy spoke about next steps for a proposal:
Naomi will take the lead to set a proposal, Bonnie will sit on a subcommittee and the committee will write up something for Provost Palis to give to Benedetto--Naomi will email Benedetto with info. Benedetto will also be welcomed to the October meeting. Provost Palis will reach out to Barbara Lee & the Office for Economic Development.

4. Discussion of University Finances, Budgeting: Faculty Expectations and Involvement
Andy communicated the faculty’s request for more info. about the campus’ cost, expenses and where resources are going. He informally had a conversation with Larry Gaines and invited him to address questions at a council meeting.
Provost Palis discussed campus growth, more Gen Ed courses, housing issues, classroom space, etc. Andy inquired about statistics on hires, tenure track and where lines are being moved.
Provost Palis said he will need consent from the deans before giving any numbers on faculty replacement but agreed to get numbers on tenure track and non-tenure track lines.

5. Discussion of Other Possible Priorities for the Year.
Will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Discussion of Resolution on the Built Environment. (See attachment)
Will be discussed at the next meeting.
Perry addressed the legal incident regarding the faculty member in NB. Perry and Chris agreed to head a committee to further discussions on the matter and send some concerns to the 1st amendment committee members (Ray Solomon and Stacy Hawkins).

8. Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration.
Loree Jones reported the following:
- Success of the Rutgers Reads-Colson Whitehead event on 9/26. She discussed Underground Railroad programming opportunities with funding. Announced Matthew Desmond will speak next year
- Suggested Nursing Dean Donna Nickitas be invited to a faculty council meeting
- End of the Strategic Plan over the last 5 years and welcomes faculty feedback on a new process for the next 2-3 years
- Reminded council about our campus level administrative council

Marla gave feedback on the Colson Whitehead event and the great response from the Dean of SSW (NB)

Provost Palis gave an update on the Arts & Sciences Dean Search scheduled for Oct. 6 & 7th

Chancellor Haddon and Loree spoke about the President’s Cabinet meetings held on campus once a semester.

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, October 25th
Minutes prepared and submitted by,
Celeste Williams
Secretary to the Camden Faculty Council