Meeting of the Camden Faculty Council
Minutes of the March 23, 2020 Meeting
webex meeting, 11:05 AM

Attending Chair: Julie Still

Attendees: Bonnie Jerome Demilia, Paul More Jr, Sam Rabinowitz, Chris Lim, Shauna Shames, Edwina Haring, Perry Dane, Bernardo Hiraldo, Kate Epstein

Administration: Interim Provost Dan Hart, Loree Jones, Chief of Staff

Guest: Jason Rivera, Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Success

Absent:

Agenda
1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration
5. Report from Vice Chancellor Jason Rivera
6. Announcements and Updates
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Adjournment
1. **Call to Order**

Chair Julie Still called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

2. **Approval of the minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of the Camden Faculty Council (CFC) from February 24, 2020 was raised, seconded and approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve current meeting agenda of the Camden Faculty Council (CFC) was raised, seconded and approved unanimously.

4. **Report by the Chancellor or other member of the administration**

Dan Hart and Loree Jones discussed the following:

- Emergency Operation Center group in place for current crisis
  - 14 Working groups across the University
  - RU-Camden expanded Leadership group
  - Operating Status- University is open for business but operating differently
  - Students received info. on accessing offices and resources
  - Push for everyone to telecommute
  - Libraries are closed, the gym is closed
  - Campus Center and Dining open with limited hours
  - Health Services is open and providing remote services for students
  - Students have access to technology for remote learning
  - Dean of students has computers and tablets available for students in need
  - Housing insecure students- 60 Students still living in dorms- consolidated into 1 dorm
  - In-person commencement postponed across University, looking for ways for a formal celebration later
  - Mail services- Have someone pick up mail for your offices when needed/packages are encouraged to be sent centrally
- PRC continues to function remotely
- No delays in announcements of promotion cases
- Faculty compensation program is a little behind schedule
- No word on equity yet
- Remote teaching day 1 with an impressive faculty response
- Rutgers budget will be affected because state budget will be affected
- Armitage- moving forward with remodeling over the summer
• Registrar’s office possibly having a flexible deadline for grades turned in at the end of semester- in the past grades were due at a certain time due to graduation
• Students option to use Pass or letter grade by May 22nd

Edwina suggested, current online PTL can help faculty who are not fluent with online teaching. Dan will see if this is a possibility and if finances are there to make this possible.

5. **Vice Chancellor Jason Rivera reported the following:**
   • Student success remote instruction
   • Continuity of Academic support
   • Entire Student Success team is available to work with students online (tutoring, resources, faculty online review sessions, coach office, etc.)
   • All students will have someone they can connect with in addition to their academic advisor
   • Student Academic Success sent out info. to faculty on how students can access all Student Success services or info. can be retrieved from website: success.camden.rutgers.edu
   • Learning Center Director, Ajeenah Nuriddin Little will coordinate with faculty on any review sessions needed
   • Jason will send to the (CFC) email on support services offered by Student Academic Success
   • Writing and Design lab is still open remotely- Jason will confirm
   • Rutgers Camden advising is decentralized, so an Advising & Retention council was created to bring together Advisors, success coaches, faculty representation and others who can share policy, procedure info., etc.
   • Jason is looking for new ways to communicate with faculty about available resources
   • Center for Learning and Student Success is inclusive of the learning center, disability services, EOF and Trio, student success coaches
   • Learning Center consists of Student tutoring and support services and workshops
   • Jason will send (CFC) the Student academic success year in review document and information on other services offered under student success

Sam asked if Jason’s dept. could send short videos to faculty on services offered by Student Academic Success.

• Residential Houses discussion requires collaboration across different departments like Mary Beth Daisey’s dept., council members, Associate Deans, honors college (Leeann Westman) and reps. from various schools.

Julie will send out an email with names of participants for a Residential Housing Task force.
• Student Academic Success new employee, director of Student Success Initiatives is Michael D’Italia. Michael will oversee Leadership Design
• Office of disability services- For stability, there is no plan for disability services to move out of center for learning and student success due to construction of Armitage
• Jason offered to report back to the (CFC) on any updates needed, Julie suggested Jason come back for updates once a semester

6. **Announcements and Updates**
   • Library is closed-now, they’re using chat and Ask a librarian service
   • Craig Westman will come to April 27th meeting- Julie will send Craig questions a week before meeting
   • Loree will remind Dan and Larry about PTL and NTT data and retention

7. **Old Business**
   • Julie will email out to (CFC) the report Mike Sepanic sent to new president (Holloway)

8. **New Business**
   No new business.

9. **Adjournment**
   Meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM

**Next Meeting**
Monday, April 27, 2020
Minutes prepared and submitted by,
Celeste Williams
Secretary to the Camden Faculty Council (CFC)