Camden Faculty Council

Minutes October 5th, 2020 (via Zoom)

Present: Perry Dane, Bonnie Jerome-D’Emilia, Bruce Garrity, Bernardo Hiraldo, Tim Knievel, Chris Lim, Paul More, Provost Mike Palis, Sam Rabinowitz, Julie Still (chair)

Absent: Jean-Louis Hippolyte, Shauna Shames

Call to order at 11:24

Updates:

PTL issues – There is concern about ptls not being hired for the New Brunswick writing program in the Spring. Questions followed about the use of ptls in Camden.

Mike Palis report:

1) Version 2 of the FY21 budget was presented to the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board of Governors. It is expected to pass.
2) Enrollment this fall is down 2% overall, undergraduate enrollment is down 4%, specifically in first year students who may be deferring for a year due to the pandemic. Not many students are moving into campus housing. Graduate enrollment is up 5%, specifically in law and the DNP program.
3) For the spring semester, there is an effort to increase the number of in person classes, though this may change. One factor is the classroom space available for socially distanced classes. The spring schedule will be published Nov. 2nd. Covid may impact the way we manage classes into the fall.
4) The campus moved up in the US News & World Report listings, from 166 to 153. The increase is in part due to a push for student retention.
5) The Bridging the Gap program is still in place.
6) The Chancellor search will be taking place this year, with hopes for a new chancellor in July.
7) For Camden ptls, departments were told to watch the ptl budget and the number of sections per class
8) ACTION ITEM: Please bring faculty concerns forward to campus administration and to the council.

Guest Tom Ryan, Director of IT: There are approximately 12,000 attacks on the Rutgers email system every day. The university is looking to roll out a two-factor ID system for email, which will be simple to use and will require you to authenticate your identity every 30 days or so. We’ll be hearing more about it soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20.