Meeting of the Camden Faculty Council
Minutes
December 4, 2014
Executive Private Dining Room, Campus Center, 12:15pm-1:30pm

Attending:
Chair: Sam Rabinowitz
Members: Janice Beitz, Perry Dane, Naomi Marmorstein, Judith McCoyd, and Julie Still
Absent: Bruce Garrity, Joseph Martin, Paul More, Andrew Shankman, and Carol Singley
Guests: Provost Ray Solomon and Andrew Lees

I. Old Business

- Update on the status of block scheduling at Rutgers-Camden

II. New Business

- Faculty input in the design of new buildings
- Edits to the proposed Resolution on Salary and Tuition (AAUP-AFT)

Old Business

Update on the status of block scheduling the Rutgers-Camden

- Implementation of block scheduling will be delayed until January 2016
- The schedule retains 15 minutes between class periods
- A reduction in the number of class periods requires another distribution principle; department chairs will be responsible for completing the grid.
- For Fall 2015, the existing blocks with the spirit of the new schedule (e.g. classes spread throughout the day and 15 minutes between classes) will be rolled out.
- An ongoing committee on block scheduling needs to be convened to provide wider feedback. CFC needs to nominates faculty, administrators, and students to serve on the committee. Chancellor Haddon will appoint the committee.
  - CFC has representatives from SBC, SSW, CCAS, and Nursing. Lab sciences has a great need for representation. Joseph Martin could represent this constituency. CFC members could serve or nominate individuals from their schools.
  - Sam Rabinowitz requested that CFC members provide suggested nominees to him, and he will convey them to Provost Solomon. The committee could begin work by assessing two macro questions: What are no longer issues? What are lingering issues?
  - Student input is critical. We don’t really know what works best for students; we only know what’s always been done. Although all needs cannot be met, block scheduling needs to meet the majority of needs. To gain wider student input, conducting a survey of undergraduate and graduate students was suggested. Start and end times for evening classes need to be assessed, particularly with respect to public transit schedules.
New Business

Faculty Input in the Design of New Buildings

In light of the resolution adopted by Faculty Council on March 6, 2014 (Resolution on Faculty Involvement in the Design of the Campus Built Environment), a question was raised about faculty input in the design of the Nursing/Science Building and in the joint Rutgers/Rowan building. Ray Solomon suggested that CFC invite Larry Gaines to a meeting to discuss the master capital plan the university is putting together and its implications for the growth of Rutgers-Camden.

Proposed Resolution on Salary and Tuition

After Provost Solomon excused himself from the meeting, CFC members discussed edits to the proposed resolution on salary and tuition (AAUP-AFT). Since a quorum was lacking, an online vote of CFC members was proposed. It was suggested that the bylaws be reviewed to determine if this method could be used. [Review of the bylaws indicated electronic voting is allowable if a quorum approves doing so, and an online vote was conducted in mid-December].

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Next Meeting:

January 29, 2015 (Thursday): 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Executive Private Dining Room, Campus Center

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