Meeting of the Camden Faculty Council
Minutes
February 26, 2015
Executive Private Dining Room, Campus Center, 12:15pm-1:30pm

Attending:
Chair: Sam Rabinowitz

Members: Janice Beitz, Bruce Garrity, Naomi Marmorstein, Joseph Martin, Paul More, Carol Singley, and Julie Still

Absent: Perry Dane, Judith McCoyd, and Andrew Shankman

Guests: Phoebe Haddon, Loree Jones, and Ray Solomon

I. Old Business

- Minutes from the CFC meeting on 1/29/15
- Update on the status of block scheduling at Rutgers-Camden
  - Federal Student Aid
- Transfer credit evaluation for students who are military veterans

II. New Business

- Chancellor’s and Provost’s Updates
  - Welcoming Loree Jones, Chief of Staff
  - RCM
  - Enrollment Management
    - Enrollment Growth
    - Enrollment Management Search
  - Law School Merger (Camden and Newark)
  - Junior Faculty Research Forum
  - Electronic Mailing Lists for Faculty

- Strategic planning committees

- School of Nursing – foul odor issue in workplace

I. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the CFC Meeting on 1/29/15

A motion was raised, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the Camden Faculty Council meeting on 1/29/15.

Update on the status of block scheduling at Rutgers-Camden

- The earliest the class schedule will change is now spring 2016. The committee will gather empirical evidence from a survey of students (due to go out after spring break) and use it to modify the existing block scheduling plan as needed.
A question was raised about the potential for students to earn course credit outside of the traditional semester system (e.g. winterim and summer session). Follow-up with Linda Taylor-Burch was planned to determine if federal aid is based on the academic year or calendar year.

Transfer Credit for Students who are Military Veterans

Although student veterans are working with the University Senate’s ASRAC Committee, the CFC would like to help move things forward on the Camden Campus. The Student Success Committee was suggested as ideal for addressing the issues of elective course credit in lieu of ROTC and the assessment of transfer credit for military experience and education.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Welcoming Loree Jones, Chief of Staff

Loree Jones joins Rutgers with years of experience as a chief of staff in various sectors – non-profit, education, and public service. She will work closely with Chancellor Haddon and co-chair each strategic planning committee, lending vision and organization to move initiatives forward quickly.

RCM

Through Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) we will find much more clarity for the resources we have, others have, and what we pay for central resources. The faculty is highly encouraged to attend presentations on campus by Mike Gower, Senior Vice President of Finance, to learn more about the new, transparent system. The faculty is very interested in this important change and requests practical information sessions that address how RCM differs from the previous system and how it allows faculty and staff to do their jobs better and plan better.

Enrollment Management

Enrollment Growth

More resources are available through enrollment growth, but we must grow in accordance with our commitment as a regional research university that is nurturing and offers personalized services, including opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to work closely with faculty. An enrollment goal of approximately 8,000 students within five years is thought to enable balancing commitments with growth.

We must also grow in an environment of changing demographics in the college population -- declining numbers of high school students and increasing numbers of transfer and non-traditional students. These topics were discussed at the Student Success Retreat on 2/20/15 and follow-up will continue in the Student Success Committee.

Enrollment Management Search

The search remains open, and three candidates are being considered presently. It is hoped that the successful candidate will begin in July.

Law School Merger (Camden and Newark)

The process for the merger of the law schools (Camden and Newark) is underway and considered on-track. The School of Law-Camden and the School of Law-Newark have met with the University Senate, and a resolution is expected at the April 2nd Board of Governors meeting. The merger is subject to normal ABA approval which is expected. The merger should move forward once the accreditation process is completed.
Junior Faculty Research Forum

A group of panelists has been identified for the Junior Faculty Research Forum.

Electronic Mailing Lists for Faculty

The School of Nursing-Camden does not receive valuable electronic resources such as those related to the improvement of teaching sent out by CCAS. Ray Solomon was going to follow-up with Mike Sepanic to see if there is an inclusive mailing list for the faculty.

Camden Board of Directors Meeting

The Camden Board of Directors met on February 19, 2015. Topics of discussion included non-voting student representation on the board; updates on marketing, construction, and the budget; dates for upcoming board meetings; and, the appointment of Loree Jones as board secretary.

Strategic Planning Committees

The four established strategic planning committees (Implementation, Research, Marketing/Visibility, and Student Success) have all met at least once. The Student Success Committee conducted a retreat on 2/20/15, and Chris Molloy, Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development, was scheduled to meet with the Research Committee on 3/3/15 to discuss how his department was reorganized and assessment of our needs at RUC pre- and post-award to increase capacity.

More committees will be added in the future including those addressing enrollment and experiential learning. Subcommittees will also be added as needed.

School of Nursing – foul odor issue in workplace

Since October, a foul odor has permeated the second and third floors of the dorms where the School of Nursing-Camden has its offices. The odor is due to the putrefaction of trash, and a ventilation fan is broken in the trash chute. The odor is highly offensive to faculty and staff and current and potential students. The School of Nursing-Camden would like to know when measures will be taken, such as fixing the fan, to resolve the issue. Ray Solomon planned to refer the issue to Larry Gaines.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Next Meeting:

March 26, 2015 (Thursday): 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Executive Private Dining Room, Campus Center

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