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

Attending:
Chair: Sam Rabinowitz

Members: Janice Beitz, Perry Dane, Bruce Garrity, Naomi Marmorstein, Joseph Martin, Judith McCoyd, Paul More, Andrew Shankman, and Julie Still

Absent: Carol Singley

Guests: Ray Solomon, Loree Jones, and Andrew Lees

I. Old Business

- Minutes from the CFC meeting on 3/26/15
- CFC Elections

II. New Business

- Board Updates
- Update from the Administration
  - Faculty Searches
  - Update on the Physical Master Plan

I. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the CFC Meeting on 3/26/15

A motion was raised, seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously from the Camden Faculty Council meeting on 3/26/15.

CFC Elections

Inaugural CFC terms end on June 30 for Sam Rabinowitz (SBC), Perry Dane (Law), Joe Martin (FAS-Science and Math), and Paul More (contingent faculty). As stated in the by-laws, the individual schools will run elections for the full-time faculty positions, and CFC will run the contingent faculty election. Using an electronic mailing list from Human Resources, contingent faculty will be invited to nominate themselves or others for candidacy. Qualtrics will be used to circulate an online ballot to the same list.

The council would like the elections to be completed in time for the last CFC meeting of the academic year on May 26.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Board Updates

Camden Board of Directors

Andrew Shankman, faculty representative to the Camden Board of Directors, provided a brief update on the 4/22/15 meeting. The Physical Master Plan was discussed at the meeting. Due to budget constraints, the elevator has been omitted from the Alumni House building design. Although the building design still complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, omission of the elevator is less than ideal.
**Chancellor’s Cabinet Meeting**

System-level staff members from New Brunswick meet monthly with the Chancellor’s Cabinet in Camden. Topics addressed at the last meeting include an overview of public safety at Rutgers–Camden and compliance with Title IX requirements, which Rutgers–Camden exceeds.

**Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Joint Board of Governors**

On 4/25/15, Kris Kolluri, CEO of the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Joint Board of Governors, submitted the proposal to the State for a new biomedical research building in Camden. Partners in the joint venture include Rowan University, Rutgers–Camden, the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Joint Board of Governors, Camden County College, and Camden County. Funding sought comes, in part, from a 50 million dollar bond issuance that has remained frozen since the Corzine administration. A decision is pending from the governor’s office.

**Update from the Administration**

Ray Solomon and Loree Jones provided the update from the administration, discussing a process for faculty searches and the Physical Master Plan.

**Process for Faculty Searches**

Since several questions were raised about faculty searches at the Chancellor’s Town Hall meeting on April 21, Ray Solomon wanted to clarify the issue. Central administration is working to establish a regularized procedure for faculty searches at Rutgers–Camden that is transparent and understood by all. By February of each year, departments will present their wants and desires for new faculty to their respective deans. The deans will then meet with the chancellor, provost, and vice chancellor to discuss needs categorized as critical, needed, and nice-to-have. Given the incomplete state of the budget in this timeframe, decisions will be made using tentative information. However, to accommodate the search timetable of the various disciplines, decisions must be made with incomplete information.

It is not too late this year to make decisions on an ad hoc basis. However, all decisions will be contingent on budget, including RCM and the pending State Supreme Court decision on pension funding.

Decisions regarding contingent faculty will continue to be made at the level of the deans’ offices.

**Physical Master Plan**

The Board of Governors will vote on the University Physical Master Plan on 6/18/15. The plan documents well the current projects at Rutgers–Camden (the Writers House, the Nursing/Science Building, and the Alumni House) and the next stage of building (a new building for the Business School is a priority). Loree Jones recommended that individuals involved in new initiatives, such as inter-professional education opportunities currently being developed by the School of Social Work and the School of Nursing–Camden with Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, should meet with Vice Chancellor Larry Gaines to discuss their needs, wants, and desires and should tie these initiatives into strategic planning priorities at Rutgers–Camden. Inter-professional education, for example, supports the recommendation for more interdepartmental and interdisciplinary education with other universities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

**Next Meeting:**

May 26, 2015 (Tuesday): 12:15pm-1:30pm in the Executive Private Dining Room, Campus Center
Minutes prepared and submitted by,
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