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Faculty Senate

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR THE FIFTH REGULAR
MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES-CAMDEN
March 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. in room 121 Armitage Hall, Dr. Charles Jarrett, President, presiding.

1. Minutes from the Feb. 6 Senate: there was no quorum, the minutes remain unapproved until the April 10th meeting.
2. Announcements - Charles Jarrett
 - a. Charges have been given to the following committees:
 - i. Information Services Committee – to review the policy on administrative privileges on faculty computers.
 - ii. Faculty Life – concerning evaluating administrators and others
 - iii. Budget Committee – involving the merger
 - iv. Scholastic Standing Committee – declaration of major by students with 60 credits.
 - b. Sent Senate letter to President McCormick about merger.
 - c. Faculty Council at Camden should be formed in collaboration with New Brunswick to advise the administrators.
3. Dean Margaret Marsh - Remarks and Discussion
 - a. The President is eager to hear about our campus and its future
 - b. The Senate should send a note to President McCormick inviting him to the Senate to talk about his views
 - c. President McCormick will visit the campus to discuss the Provost search in a town meeting format.
 - d. The next provost will likely serve a 5- to 10-year term.
 - e. The search committee – faculty/staff/students/alumni
 - f. Mike Palis will serve as Acting Dean of Arts and Sciences

- g. Looking for someone to serve in Mike's place as Acting Associate Dean
- h. We have to tell the President how we would like the provost search conducted.
- i. He will have the search committee formed by this summer or by September at the latest.
- j. Dean's Task Force: subcommittees presented their reports and recommendations to the Dean some of which include
 - i. raising more money
 - ii. giving more support to undergraduate and graduate students

There will be recommendations that will require the approval and actions of the Faculty Senate.

- k. The Dean hopes to meet with the Task Force by the end of March to finalize recommendations and then forward them to the Faculty Senate for review.
- l. Merger has been discussed at the Administrative Council. The Dean's view is that there's no money for the merger. The state legislature is up for re-election in 2007. They're more worried about re-election and lowering property taxes and not focused on plans to merge Rutgers with other institutions.
- m. We might want to consider or explore possible opportunities: Do we want a relationship with Cooper? The biology program already has cooperation with UMDNJ at Stratford.
- n. The Dean wishes to work closely with everyone next year.

Budget:

- o. The Dean informs the Chairs about budgetary matters and not to the Budget Committee. Assumed Chairs reported to their faculty about budget and other matters discussed at the Chairs meetings.
- p. All funds budgeting is tied directly to enrollment
- q. We have a serious retention problem
- r. The Dean mentioned that a bill is going through the legislature for a vote in the next few weeks that will allow any student with an AA or AF degree from a community college to transfer to a 4-year institution without having to take additional general education courses at the new institution.
- s. A minimum of 12.5 percent of our student body is needed as first-year students for us to be a legitimate 4-year institution.

- t. We need to try to bring as many first year students as we can despite the NJ Stars Program, which allows students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class to attend the student's local community college for five semesters free of tuition and approved fees.
 - u. Specialized programs might be one way to attract first-year students.
 - v. The Dean assumed department chairs disseminated information to their faculty, which evidently is not always true, but will work to insure that faculty knows what is going on at the administrative level once she returns as Dean next year.
4. Unfinished Business
- a. none
5. New Business
- a. Joe Schiavo reminded everyone about committee vacancies for AY 2007-08. Please contact Rich Epstein, Chair of the Rules of Procedure Committee if you wish to serve on a standing committee or wish to nominate a colleague.

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: C. Jarrett, R. Tarbell, J. Schiavo, G. Caputo, L. Garcia, A. Espiritu, M. Meloy, G. Verbrugghe, P. Masler, K. Sheinbaum, E. Vanderven.

Members Excused: M. Amdur

Members Absent: W. Saidel, G. Kortsarz, I. Chiu, S. Fiske, C. Fitter, C. Singley, J. Rushing, A. Shankman, J. Still, H. Herrera, H. Li, S. Burrell, C. Brown, R. Cowley, K. Bezrukova, K. Thierry, N. Marmorstein, J. Van Til

Submitted by,

Joseph C. Schiavo, Secretary
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