

**MINUTES FOR THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES-CAMDEN
DECEMBER 5, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:26 p.m. in room 121 Armitage Hall, Dr. Charles Jarrett, President, presiding.

1. Assistant Dean Nancy Gulick distributed a list of 100 graduates to be approved by the Faculty Senate for January 2007 graduation. Pending satisfactory completion of each student's fall course(s), the Faculty Senate **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**
2. Dr. Jarrett introduced Provost Roger Dennis. Provost Dennis briefly explained the non-confidential summary of the Dean's Evaluation Committee (DEC) regarding FAS Dean, Margaret Marsh. He then introduced Dr. Sam Rabinowitz, Associate Dean of the School of Business and Chair of the DEC. Dean Rabinowitz explained the evaluation procedure of the DEC. The evaluation consisted of a compilation of on-line surveys, phone interviews, and gathering information from campus administrators and chairpersons. The report was forwarded to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. A copy of the DEC's report is available to the Senate by contacting Dean Rabinowitz.
3. Provost Dennis was asked to comment on the current administration's trend of establishing policies that directly impacts the faculty without first consulting the faculty. Dennis stated this is a matter that should be taken up with Dean Marsh. The faculty consults their respective Chairs, who then report to the Dean. It was noted that the role of Faculty Senate Budget Committee has been circumvented by the Dean's Advisory Committee. As a result, the standing Budget Committee receives no information about the budget. The Provost stated that he would be happy to present the budget at the February Senate meeting.

Provost Dennis stated that on December 14th a \$50M bill should be passed to include a new science building to be shared by UMDNJ, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, and Cooper Hospital, which will be managed by Rutgers-Camden. The mergers and structures presented by Senator Codey will be determined on December 19th in Trenton. The Systems Biology Institute in Camden will include a stem cell research facility.

The Provost was asked if there is going to be a University of Newark. If so, what institutions will it include? According to Dennis the Mayor of Newark and the Governor have a close relationship, which consequently makes it possible that UMDNJ in Newark, NJIT and Rutgers-Newark could be included. However, it may not include Newark's Law School and Business School. A joint osteopathic and allopathic school may come to Camden, but whether New Brunswick will control these areas is not known.

4. Academic Policy Committee Chair, Dr. James Rushing, presented Form 29s for the History Department. The History Department in Summer Session offers a number of special topics courses for which special numbers and descriptions are necessary to distinguish their contents. The new number will be course 50:512:383, A Theme in American History. The Faculty Senate **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

Under the direction of Academic Policy Chair James Rushing, Dr. Jon Van Til presented Urban Studies proposal for converting the Urban Studies major from a stand-alone department major to an interdisciplinary major. As a small major, Urban Studies currently has about 20 majors and offers about 13 courses a semester, exclusive of internships and special topics courses. Many of these courses are cross-listed with other departments in the CAS and the Graduate School. Most courses have at least 20 students; the larger ones 45. Significant PTL support is required each semester to maintain adequate course offerings. The reasons Urban Studies should be reorganized as an interdisciplinary major include increased faculty participation, increased urban oriented course offerings, wide disciplinary coverage, cost savings (PTLs), enhanced opportunities for collaborative research and project development, and greater opportunities for students. The Faculty Senate **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

5. Minutes from the November 7, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting were presented. A change in #1, paragraph 2, should read "...the Faculty Senate must have 1 plus 16 votes to pass motions presented before the Faculty Senate. The number 16 represents half the number of Senators plus one extra vote. With this change, the minutes were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

Dr. Jarrett stated that Dean Marsh will be attending the next Faculty Senate meeting in February.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: C. Jarrett, R. Tarbell, J. Schiavo, W. Saidel, C. Fitter, J. Rushing, E. Vanderven, G. Verbrugghe, J. Still, H. Herrera, R. Cowley, K. S. Duffy for K. Thierry, G. Kortsarz, N. Marmorstein, J. VanTil, B. Adelson, W. Glasker; J-L Hippolyte, P. Maslen; K. Shienbaum, A. Shankman, L. Garcia, G. Caputo

Members Excused: I-Ming Chiu, K. Bezrukova (on leave Fall '06), K. Thierry (on leave Fall '06), S. Burrell; A. Espiritu (on leave Fall '06); C. Singley

Members Absent: S. Fiske, M. Meloy

Submitted by,

Joseph C. Schiavo, Secretary
Faculty Senate (AY 2006-2007)