

New Brunswick Faculty Council
148th Meeting: Friday, September 22, 2006, 1:10 p.m.
Cook Campus Center, Room 202ABC

MINUTES

Members Present: *J. Bliss, R. Boikess, R. Bumby, A. Busia, T. Chase, M. Cotter, (J. Walker for) D. Fishman, M. Flahive DiNardo, P. Gillett, C. Glashausser, N. Glickman, M. Gliserman, M. Gordon, M. Gursoy, H. Janes, R. Kubey, C. Kulikowski, P. Leath, M. Lesk, J. Markert, G. Mainelis, K. McKeever, J. Miller, S. Munch, M. Page, J. Rubin, H. Sackrowitz, K. Scott, J. Shapiro, C. Sims, A. St.John, K. Thompson, E. Thuno, M.L. Wagner, R. Wilson*

Non-Members Present: *M. Beals, P. Furmanski, K. Manning-Lewis, B. Qualls, K. Swalagin (Secretary)*

1. Welcome - Jozef L. Kokini, Chairperson

Chairperson Kokini called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m. He expressed hope that his performance as chair could compare favorably with that of former chair Paul Leath. The group applauded Leath's 2005-2006 Council chairship. Kokini noted that funding issues resulting in cuts to the Council's budget led to elimination of food, and brought the meetings to a less-expensive venue than the previous Busch meeting location. He said he, Martha Cotter, Dick Bumby and others are working to make access to Council information more convenient online. Kokini also commented on:

- his hope that the coming year will be as exciting as the last;
- the high quality of Rutgers, and of the Council membership;
- anticipated activity on implementation of transformation of undergraduate education in New Brunswick;
- expected transformational changes which will empower Rutgers and "take it to the next level";
- the capital campaign and other exciting initiatives such as reaccreditation; and
- the docketed report by Kim Manning-Lewis on changing Rutgers University's public image.

2. Approval of Agenda

On motion by M. Cotter, seconded by K. Scott, the day's agenda was approved. [Minutes of May 12 and June 28, 2006 New Brunswick Faculty Council meetings will be presented for adoption at a later meeting.]

3. Chair's Report - Jozef L. Kokini, Chairperson

Kokini introduced all 2006-2007 Executive Committee members and standing committee chairs, and thanked them for their service. He invited all Council members to serve on one of the standing committees, and requested that everyone complete and return a committee-preference form. Those who have not responded within two weeks will be assigned to a committee.

Kokini reviewed the 2006-2007 schedule of Council and Executive Committee meetings, which have been posted on the Council website along with other useful information, as follows:

- NBFC: September 22, October 6, November 3 and December 8, 2006; January 26, February 23, March 30, May 4, 2007 (All meetings except December 8 are at Cook Campus Center, Room 202ABC; December 8 will be at Busch Campus Center Room 116ABC)

- Executive Committee: August 31, October 20, November 17, 2006; January 12, February 9, March 16, April 13, 2007

Kokini also said that the October 6, 2006 NBFC-members-only meeting should allow the Council to identify what is important collectively as a faculty council, to prioritize and assign committees, and to become a dynamic part of the university's vision in the coming year.

4. Report on Implementation of Transformation of Undergraduate Education - Barry Qualls, Interim Vice President for Undergraduate Education

Barry Qualls, Gregory Blimling, and Michael Beals presented reports, and responded to questions, on Implementation of Transformation of Undergraduate Education in New Brunswick.

5. Administrative Report - Philip Furmanski, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented an administrative report which included comments on:

- the process and implementation of transformation of undergraduate education;
- Rutgers' budget and state funding;
- New Jersey's economic development plan, and Rutgers' role in that plan;
- increasing resources through promotion of entrepreneurship, new sources of revenue, and institution of a capital campaign; and
- the Middle States reaccreditation process.

6. Report on Rutgers' New Communication Program with its constituents - Kim Manning-Lewis, Vice President for University Relations

Kim Manning-Lewis presented, received comments, and responded to questions on Rutgers' new communication plan.

7. Discussion of September 22 a.m. Teaching Conference

Martin Gliserman presented a quick overview of that morning's conference. He said that he had taped the teachers talking about what they did in class, and that it would be viewable on the web.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Kenneth W. Swalagin
Secretary