

Minutes of the 160th New Brunswick Faculty Council Meeting
January 18, 2008

Members Present: *J. Bliss, S. Brill, R. Bumby, B. Callaway, J. Cantor, M. Cotter, P. Findley, H. Fisher, M. Flahive Di Nardo, N. Glickman, M. Gliserman, M. Gursoy, S. Harrington, H. Janes, R. Larrier, P. Leath, M. Lesk, K. McKeever, R. Marker, J. Markert, J. Miller, F. Popper, J. Rubin, H. Sackrowitz, A. St. John, K. St. Martin, R. Schuler, J. Shapiro, T. Szatrowski, K. Thompson, B. Turpin, R. Wilson*

Non-Members Present: *John Fitzgerald (Recording Secretary), Jim Kline (Rutgers Student Assembly), Carla Gianni*

1. Call to Order – Martin Gliserman

Council Chairperson Martin Gliserman called the 160th meeting of the New Brunswick Faculty Council (NBFC) to order at 1:15 PM in the Cook Campus Center, Room 202, Cook Campus.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

The day's agenda, with potential for modifications, and the Minutes of the December 2007 New Brunswick Faculty Council meeting, with a note regarding a clarification of the summary of Ziva Galili's presentation, were approved.

3. Chair's Report – Martin Gliserman

Martin Gliserman has no Chair's Report.

4. Administrative Report – EVPAA Furmanski

Philip Furmanski presented the Administrative Report with three main topics: the forum taking place Thursday, January 28th regarding the stadium expansion, intended to provide information to the Rutgers community; he noted that the Board of Governors is intending to take up the issue on January 29th and emphasized the meeting's importance as the proposal represents the largest single construction project undertaken by Rutgers in its history. He noted second that the Middle States reaccreditation is now complete, and discussed the self-study. Thirdly, he noted that since the last Council meeting, Governor Corzine had made his State of the State address, and discussed the state budget and the potential operating funds from the state. Audience members then asked questions regarding the potential podcast or webcast of the state budget announcement; questions also centered around the stadium expansion proposal, namely the speed of the process and other aspects, and the upcoming meeting.

5. Athletics Report – Tom Stephens – agenda error.

6. Jim Kline, chair of Rutgers Student Assembly and notes from EVPAA Furmanski

Kline introduced himself and explained his position and the Student Assembly's goal to make the spring semester more efficient than the fall. He discussed several issues pertaining to the student government: affordable textbooks, with successes in the progress of a textbook rental program and future meetings with the state; the academic integrity policy and the assembly's upcoming recommendation to the university senate; student computing labs' printing limits again on agenda; availability of more 24-hour study spaces at certain times of academic calendar; working with state to co-host a community service conference in early April. He answered questions from the audience regarding his presentation and specifically on the Academic Integrity Policy and money exchange between students for placement in filled classes, including extended words from Vice President Furmanski.

7. Harassment Policy Report – Randall Schuler

Randall Schuler, standing in for the chair of the Personnel committee, detailed progress on the University's Harassment Policy; noted that next month's Faculty Council meeting will have a detailed report of the harassment policy, and discussed the basics of the policy's confidentiality and fairness aspects. Schuler noted that in a harassment situation, there are several possibilities for the student: go to the chairperson of the department, or go to the harassment office and file an informal complaint, a formal complaint, or seek consultation. He also discussed the possibilities for accused faculty members in the different situations.

8. Forum on Stadium Expansion (Thursday, 1/24/08, 5-7PM Livingston) – Martin Gliserman

Chairperson Gliserman discussed the previous meeting's remarks from President McCormick and the Faculty Council's sponsorship of the forum on stadium expansion; he asked the council if the body was comfortable with his rejection of a position to sit on the panel as a "neutral moderator" (Furmanski's words) at the forum, which raised a series of questions from council members mainly directed towards EVPAA Furmanski. Chairperson Gliserman then announced a five minute break, during which time Carla Gianni arrived.

9. Classroom Upgrades – Carla Gianni

Carla Gianni explained her presence in the hopes of opening up a dialogue with the Faculty Council regarding the classroom upgrades and the Classroom Renovation Committee, and fielded questions and concerns from the Council regarding certain classroom noise issues and transformation of classrooms into "smart" classrooms with higher technology. [Gianni's outline, as well as the list of the members of the Classroom Renovation Committee, is attached.]

10. Old Business

There was no old business.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fitzgerald