

Minutes of the 175th New Brunswick Faculty Council Meeting April 2, 2010

Members Present: R. Boikess, S. Brill, L. Clarke, K. Cooper, M. Cotter, J. Crowley, N. Glickman, T. Gerhard, M. Gordon, R. Larrier, K. McKeever, N. Minsky, L. Nepomnyaschy, A. Norris, J. Reed, L. Rodenburg, H. Sackrowitz, A. St. John, L. Schneider, J. Scheinbeim, R. Schwarzschild, J. Shapiro, T. Szatrowski, K. Thompson, J. Walkup (for D. Fishman), L. Wiggins, R. Wilson (Chair), L. Windsor, T. Yang

Non-Members Present: P. Furmanski, T. Stephens, K. Swalagin (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order - Robert Wilson, NBFC Chairperson

Council Chairperson Robert Wilson called the 175th meeting of the New Brunswick Faculty Council (NBFC) to order at 1:18 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010 in the Cook Campus Center Multipurpose Room C, Cook Campus.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The current meeting agenda, and the Minutes of the February 5, 2010 NBFC meeting were approved.

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

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Furmanski delivered an administrative report, which included comments on:

- three Goldwater Scholarships awarded to Rutgers;
- progress on establishing a Naval ROTC at Rutgers;
- continuing budget difficulties and cuts in state funding; and
- Governor Christie's proposal to have Rutgers absorb Thomas Edison State College, the New Jersey State Library and state library system, and the New Jersey State Museum.

Furmanski then responded to questions, or heard comments, on topics including:

- the anticipated and current state budgets and fiscal support for Rutgers;
- differences and similarities in the missions and operations of Rutgers and Thomas Edison State College;
- proposals and issues related to tuition caps; and
- faculty retirement plans and options.

4. NBFC Elections for 2010-2011

Chairperson Wilson opened the floor to nominations for 2010-2011 NBFC vice chair (to be chair in 2011-2012), Executive Committee members, and representatives to the University Senate. Wilson also invited the Council members to email nominations to him anytime within the following two weeks, and explained that he would thereafter conduct an election by email. Martha Cotter said that NBFC bylaws allow email elections, but if anyone wanted to vote confidentially, they could email their votes to Ken Swalagin. Wilson added that this year's Executive Committee members would continue to serve for the first Executive Committee meeting in the fall, and that by that time the composition of the 2010-2011 NBFC would be known and the election for next-year's Executive Committee members could be conducted.

Wilson then asked for volunteers or nominees to serve as at-large New Brunswick University Senator, to replace James Reed, whose term was ending and who did not wish to be re-elected to the Senate. Joel Shapiro volunteered, and was elected by acclamation to a three-year term as at-large New Brunswick University Senator.

5. Motion/Proposed Resolution to Establish a New Brunswick Curriculum Liaison Committee - Jocelyn Crowley for the NBFC Curriculum, Teaching and Honors Committee

Jocelyn Crowley presented a proposal from the Curriculum, Teaching and Honors Committee proposing establishment of a New Brunswick Curriculum Liaison Committee, which had been discussed at the previous Council meeting. The proposed resolution recommending the establishment of the committee was discussed, amended to include recommendation that the committee provide an advisory report to the administration, and adopted. [Follow this link to view the [resolution, as amended and adopted.](#)]

6. Discussion of Draft Academic Integrity Policy - Robert Boikess and Martha Cotter for the Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee

Martha Cotter and Robert Boikess led a discussion of the second public draft of the Academic Integrity Policy, which was distributed as a handout. Cotter said the University Senate is also working on this issue, noting that the interim policy would need to be extended beyond its current sunset date, and until a permanent policy could be adopted. [Online Minutes will include links to the Draft Academic Integrity Policy (AIP), and M. Cotter's Introduction thereto.] Boikess proposed that the Council endorse the overall plan, but also provide some fairly detailed advice, particularly with respect to the responsibilities of the administration and provision of resources to help students. The discussion on the AIP continued at some length. Boikess proposed a resolution that was adopted by the Council as follows:

Resolved, the New Brunswick Faculty Council endorses the proposed major changes enumerated in the attached [Introduction to the Draft Academic Integrity Policy](#) and described in the attached [Draft Academic Integrity Policy](#) dated March 30, 2010.

The Council also adopted a [Three-part Resolution on Academic Integrity](#).

7. NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Report - Thomas Stephens, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

Tom Stephens, Rutgers' NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative, presented his annual report to the New Brunswick Faculty Council. [Follow this link to view [Stephens' quarterly reports](#).]

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Swalagin
Recording Secretary