Faculty Council Report to the RWJMS Faculty

Dean’s Faculty Meeting
February 6, 2012
Faculty Council Activities

on behalf of the Faculty

✓ sent comments to the Senate Higher Education Committee regarding the Final Report from the UMDNJ Advisory Committee

- “….pleased to endorse publicly the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to merge RWJMS with Rutgers University”
- “urge the State of NJ to act on this recommendation...in a timely manner, and with appropriate regard to the financial requirements and respect for faculty tenure and terms of employment necessary to make the merger a successful one”
Faculty Council Activities

Communications

• welcomed chair of the Research Committee and Associate Dean for Research to December meeting to review the process by which the Committee advises the Dean on matters of research policy

• encouraged the Senior Associate Dean for Research to report back to the Faculty the outcome of recent policy review
Faculty Council Activities

Standing Committee Membership Changes

• implications of converting Camden faculty to adjunct positions
• implications of reducing number of basic science departments from 5 to 3

→ urged Administration to
  • communicate to Standing Committee Chairs the impact of reduction in number of committee members
  ✓ solicit faculty input in preparation of revisions to bylaws

*slide content from October meeting*
Faculty Council Activities

the Here and Now

• continue discussions of how faculty balance their efforts to various missions in an era of diminished resources
• continue to encourage communication between the administration and the faculty
• identify steps that will promote a culture of shared governance
Welcome to the Office of Faculty Affairs

The Office of Faculty Affairs supports the mission of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the pursuit of excellence in education, research, health care delivery and the promotion of community health by facilitating the recruitment, appointment, promotion and retention of distinguished faculty.

The office serves as support for the Dean’s Committee on Appointments and Promotions, maintains faculty records, oversees the process of faculty evaluation, serves as liaison between the department chairs, faculty and their staffs and the University’s Office of Academic Affairs with regard to faculty issues.
Faculty Council Activities

Looking Ahead

• remain in contact with Rutgers New Brunswick Faculty Council Executive Committee, Rutgers University Senate and UMDNJ Faculty Senate

• initiate interactions with administration at Rutgers
Rutgers and Medical Education in New Jersey

"New Jersey has the potential for entering a new age of excellence and achievement in higher education—with a truly great state university that includes an outstanding medical school."

President's Message, Rutgers Magazine (Spring 2011)

Strengthening Higher Education in New Jersey

On January 25, 2012, Governor Chris Christie released and endorsed the final report of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Sol Barer. This final report expands upon the committee’s interim report issued September 20, 2011. Taken together, these two documents make three significant recommendations that have the potential to transform Rutgers:

- Integrate the UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and the UMDNJ School of Public Health with Rutgers University
- Develop a formalized research consortium among Rutgers and the other public research universities in Newark
- Create a broader, expanded research university in southern New Jersey that integrates the Rutgers–Camden Campus into Rowan University.

Recommendations of this magnitude by law require the consent of Rutgers’ two governing boards—the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees—which have ultimate responsibility for ensuring the university’s future progress.

- Message from President Richard L. McCormick to the University Community: Medical Education Committee Report’s Enormous Implications for Rutgers (January 25, 2012)
Faculty Council Next Meeting

TBA 5 p.m.

CAB 1302 New Brunswick, V-tel to Piscataway

- Recommendations to the Dean and response
- Executive Council report
- UMDNJ Faculty Senate report

- faculty input to merger implementation
- what the future holds as faculty of Rutgers (invited guest)
- other issues of concern to the Faculty