



Camden Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024

12:45 pm-1:45 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees in alpha order: Janice Beitz, Perry Dane, Maureen Donaghy, Bill FitzGerald, Haydee Herrera-Guzman, Bernardo Hiraldo, Paul Jargowsky, Sam Rabinowitz, and Zara Wilkinson.

Absent: No Lecturer representative was present because the election for a Lecturer member of the Council ended on 10/28.

Administrators present: Naomi Marmorstein, Sandra Richtermeyer, and Mike Seganic.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm.
2. Council updates:
 - a. The Council will approve September minutes at the November meeting.
 - b. The full-time council seats are filled.
 - c. Lecturer election update: 3 self-nominated candidates, voting closed 10/28. Austin Rooney (Philosophy & Religion) was elected.
 - i. Another Lecturer representative is still needed for the Faculty Council. This representative should be from a different academic unit (not CCAS, as this unit is represented).
 - d. The Chancellor has been invited to attend a future meeting.
3. Administrative updates:
 - a. The Chancellor's fall address was held on 10/24. The provost encouraged Faculty Council attendance at these campus-wide events and gatherings. She asked the Faculty Council members to mark their calendars for the Spring Address scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025, during the common period.
 - b. A pre-(national) election discussion will take place on 10/30. The provost listed several events and programs for students focused on the national election.
 - c. CCAS Dean Griffin is on a program and alumni-focused trip to Puerto Rico with LEAP Academy leaders.

- d. A “First-Gen Mixer” will occur in the Campus Center on 11/4. We hope to have a good turnout of first-gen students and faculty. This is held in conjunction with National First-Gen Week.
 - e. Our Campus Center is a polling place for the general election (4th ward Camden).
 - i. The provost answered questions from Faculty Council members about how we build connections with community agencies and recognize them for their contributions, including those that partner with social work and provide internships for our students. The provost gave a recent example of the Community Partner Breakfast (10/10) and associated breakout sessions with partners to continue discussions on the many partnerships in place and opportunities to grow new or more extensive partnerships. The provost suggested that the Faculty Council invite leaders from the RU-C Division of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civic Engagement (DICE) to a future meeting. <https://camden.rutgers.edu/dice>. In particular, she encouraged an invitation to SVC Nyeema Watson and Director Daniel Tome to a Council meeting. In addition, VC Mike Sepanic works in this division and can offer regular updates as he regularly attends Council meetings.
 - f. Discussion around the Cooper Street project and faculty involvement in the design of the building.
 - i. The Council will consider updates from the planning team or CCAS Dean Griffin.
 - ii. The provost briefly described the many community events surrounding the planning and early stages of the Cooper Street Project (groundbreaking, Archaeology Day, etc.) An important aspect of the space in the Cooper Street Project is dedicated community space, gathering space, and event space. It will not have classroom space. Rutgers also has to abide by specific guidelines related to the project's historical significance.
 - iii. Paul Jargowsky mentioned he served on a committee related to this project.
 - iv. Zara will discuss the next steps with Perry and Paul.
2. Student Affairs reorganization:
- a. The Faculty Council members had questions surrounding staffing changes and reorganization
 - b. Questions surrounding communication—so faculty know where to refer students (e.g., Title IX).
 - c. Communications about student resources were sent out to faculty and deans earlier this semester. The provost will forward this message again to ensure that it is readily available to Council members.
 - d. The provost suggested that the Faculty Council invite VC Marsha Lowery, Student and Academic Success, to speak at a future meeting.

3. The meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.