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Robert L. Barchi, President

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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the University Senate Executive Committee Report, Background and Resolution on Proposed 3 Plus 1 Degree Programs, which was adopted by the University Senate at its December 2016 meeting.

The administration is in agreement with the issues raised and with the Senate's position that the New Jersey College Affordability Study Commission's recommendation to develop and implement 3 plus 1 degree programs with the New Jersey county colleges is not in the best interests of students or the University. The only exception to this general policy that I support is the case of Rutgers' RN to BS nursing programs with several county colleges. These programs are specific and require successful passing of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and subsequent licensing as a registered nurse. Such programs are helping to address the current nursing shortage in our state and nation.

I appreciate the time and attention that the Senate Executive Committee has devoted to this issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi