



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's May 2014 report and recommendations on Charge S-1210 on Early-Open Study Space. I thank the members of the Senate Student Affairs Committee for their attention to this commuter student issue.

I understand that some accommodations to open student centers and libraries earlier in New Brunswick and Camden have already been piloted and put into place in response to communications from the Senate Student Affairs Committee and campus student governing associations. The current Senate recommendation asks that the campuses track usage of the facilities during the earlier hours of operation and consider the feasibility of opening even earlier, between the hours of 5:00 and 6:00 AM. I asked the Chancellors in Camden, Newark and New Brunswick to look into this matter and report directly back to the Senate with the results of their examination. Those responses are included with this communication.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

Enclosures

c: Nancy Cantor, Chancellor Rutgers University-Newark
Richard L. Edwards, Chancellor Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Phoebe Haddon, Chancellor Rutgers University-Camden
Barbara A. Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs