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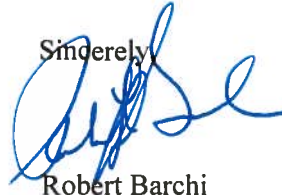
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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin  
University Senate  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
ASB III, Suite 110  
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the University Senate's Report and Recommendations on Charges S-1307 on Senate and Executive Committee Eligibility, and S-1302 on Full-time, Non-tenure track Faculty Senators, as adopted by the Senate in March of 2014. I appreciate the work of the University Structure and Governance Committee in making these recommendations, which further refine the size and composition of the Senate and its Executive Committee in relation to the July 1, 2013 integration of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey into Rutgers. The recommendations further clarify faculty representation on the Senate, and the eligibility of full-time, non-tenure track faculty to serve as faculty senators.

My administration is pleased to endorse the Senate's recommendations to increase its staff, part-time lecturer, and at-large membership and to modify the composition of the Senate Executive Committee in order to ensure adequate representation of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. We further accept the Senate's recommendation to include tenure-track, non-tenure track and clinical faculty members among those eligible to vote for and be elected as faculty senators representing academic units. As you know, in addition to revising the Senate Handbook, implementing these changes will require the Board of Governors to approve changes to University Policy 50.2.1, Senate-Membership and Organization. By copy of this letter, I am asking the Secretary of the University to review the changes recommended in Appendix A of the Senate report and prepare them for consideration by the Board of Governors Executive Committee and the full Board of Governors at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert Barchi

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