

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE
University Structure and Governance Committee
March 2006

**Endorsement of Proposal to Establish a
School of Public Affairs and Administration**

The University Structure and Governance Committee of the University Senate met on 24 March 2006 in Newark. The only matter of business was discussion of a proposal to establish a new School of Public Affairs and Administration on the Newark Campus.

[The proposal is online at:
<http://senate.rutgers.edu/schoolpublicaffairsadminproposal0106.pdf>]

Newark Provost Steven Diner and Professor Marc Holzer, who now chairs the Graduate Department of Public Administration within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Newark, attended the meeting and answered questions for the committee members.

The Committee members asked a number of questions, the most important of which concerned the costs of establishing a new school, the effect of a new school on the students in Newark, and the relationship of the new school to the Bloustein School of Public Policy in New Brunswick.

Provost Diner assured the committee that the costs of establishing the new school were relatively small, since the Graduate Department of Public Administration already exists, and it would not take much to create the institutional infrastructure for the school. He also indicated that once the new school is created, fundraising in support of it would be focused and clear, and he expected success in finding new funding sources to support the school.

Professor Holzer made clear that the students currently in the Graduate Department of Public Affairs would benefit greatly from the creation of the school. Their degrees would be both more focused and very marketable. When asked how the new school would relate to the Bloustein School in New Brunswick, Professor Holzer told the committee that the new Public Affairs school had an administrative focus, different from the public policy focus of the Bloustein School. He made clear that the two schools are in frequent contact, would complement each other, and would work well together.

When Provost Diner and Professor Holzer left the meeting, the members of the committee held a discussion and vote. The vote in favor of the new school was unanimous. Committee members commented on the excellent proposal put forth by Professor Holzer and the other members of the committee, and on the strong commitment of Provost Diner to insure the success of the new school as an important part of the Newark Campus, helping it fulfill its mission to serve the citizens of the state.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the Rutgers University Senate's University Structure and Governance Committee has reviewed and discussed the proposal to establish a new School of Public Affairs and Administration on the Newark Campus; and

Whereas, the University Structure and Governance Committee has agreed unanimously that creation of the proposed, new school is in the best interests of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and its students; and

Whereas, the committee found that the new school would also help support the mission of Rutgers-Newark and Rutgers University in serving the citizens of the New Jersey; and

Whereas, the University Senate, at its meeting on April 28, 2006, considered the proposal to establish the school, and the University Structure and Governance Committee's report and endorsement of the plan to establish the school, finding it sound and in the best interest of Rutgers University;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Rutgers University Senate endorses the proposal to establish the new School of Public Affairs and Administration on the Newark Campus.