

Camden Faculty Council Report:

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Camden Faculty Council Chair

Camden Faculty Council held the first meeting of the academic year on Monday, September 14. The Council welcomes Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Sandra Tomlinson-Clarke to its membership. Council business at the close of 2025-2026 included voting on an update to the previously-approved [Statement of Best Practices for Better Integrating Lecturers into the Academic Community at Rutgers University-Camden](#) (April 2026) and on the adoption of the [Resolution on Decorum](#) (June 2026).

Camden Student Report:

Amisha Rastogi

Rutgers Senate Executive Committee Camden Rep

September 18, 2026 Senate Meeting Report

- The RUCSGA Executive Board met twice ahead of the general body meeting on Tuesday, September 1st, and Tuesday, September 8th.
 - SGA has also been tabling to increase awareness of the GBMs and to push the student concern form, dining advisory committee, and available positions to interested students.
- The RUCSGA held its first General Body meeting of the year on September 10th, featuring guest speaker Chancellor Dennis Shields.
 - Students raised concerns about parking, financial aid, and budget-related program cuts, including the elimination of the Experiential Learning Fund.
 - President Raizel Febles and Vice Chancellor Vaughn Calhoun will pay special attention to parking, as it was the most pressing issue for students.
 - Students on F-1 visas are not able to participate in internships unless part of the curriculum, which is an issue brought up during the open forum that the SGA will look further into.
- Student Engagement Session email invitations for the Chancellor Search Committee have been sent out to the SGA E-board and senators.

Newark Faculty Council Report:

Newark Faculty Council meeting, convened 14-Sep-2026

Chaired by Brian Murphy

Agenda and results:

Announcements

- The NFC will work Chancellor Smith-Jackson to formalize a written shared governance policy this fall.
- A Chancellor-level set of faculty recognition awards will be developed with our new interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, Pamela Scott-Johnson and with the director of the P3 Collaboratory.

Discuss election for NFC leadership, solicit nominations for chair, vice chair, secretary and executive committee.

- Candidates were solicited at meeting and will be further solicited by email. Votes will be collected by email.

Discussion of COACHE survey on campus climate.

- RUN placed top quartile compared to peer institutions in some categories, with most other in the “midling” quartiles. What actionable items can be taken based on the results? There was a robust discussion on the disambiguation of the data and what analyses were possible. More details forthcoming.

Announcing NFC-Research Office workshop:

- A research event co-hosted with Joel Caplan (Vice Chancellor for Research), October 6th 1-2 pm, to discuss with faculty what is needed to help RUN achieve R1 status. What are the opportunities for expansion and growth and what factors are impeding this progress? What are the strategies to take advantage of those opportunities and address the limitations?

Membership charged with submitting priorities for 2026-2027 academic year.

- To discuss at next meeting.

Discuss SASN decanal evaluation

- The review process and the town hall meeting in early September were discussed. The question about the ethics investigation was raised, and not all NFC members were aware of the investigation. The topic was shelved for a subsequent meeting.

New and Old Business:

- None.

Meeting adjourned.

Newark Student Report:

Not received.



Rutgers Health Faculty Council Report:

Rutgers School of Medicine Executive Meeting

September 17th, 2026

- **General Notes:**

- In ≤ 15 days, the Self-study summary report (513 pages; 165 appendices) will be submitted to the LCME
- Fundraising goals are outstanding
- Formal due process for academic rules and regulations needs to be formalized
- Extramural elective with questions if Global Health- managed differently at Newark and NB – needs better running; possibly hire someone with experience.
- An independent survey will be conducted in December.
- Alumni event Sept 16th in Newark – student panelists stated they enjoyed the curriculum, the opportunity to participate in the integration process, and a helpful research course and portal.
- Sept 15th – Rutgers Hackathon – Amazon Web Services partnering with the medical school and will have the 10th floor at the HUB

- **Site Prep**

- LCME (Accrediting Body) will visit 1/11/27-1/13/27 (Newark first day followed by New Brunswick the next two days)
 - Completed information for review is due September 2026
 - Ensure everything is active and working
 - Initial prep sessions
 - Mock site visit
 - Chairs sent a packet with potential LCME questions
- Feedback from the consultant review of DCI was positive, and issues were addressed. Construction of the Medical Science Building in Newark may be an issue.

- **Questions Asked by Senate Representatives**

1. The report states "all parties agree" the RWJBH Integrated Practice Agreement will be signed by the end of 2026. What happens to the financial projections in this report if that agreement is delayed or not executed?
Moving ahead. NJMS Integrated Practice Agreement with Barnabas is needed.
2. Disagreement rates dropped from 20%/17% to 10%/13% — what target threshold does the school consider acceptable, and is a further decrease expected before the survey visit? **No threshold is set in place, but they seem content with this decrease.**

3. The scholarship fundraising campaign's target is \$5M/year, but only \$4.23M has been raised combined as of September 2026. What is the plan if fundraising continues to fall short of the target, and how does this affect strategies to reduce the 70th–80th percentile debt burden? **The figure of \$5 Million was low. Actually raising \$15M/year would get students to \$210k debt, and \$16M would get student debt to \$200k. Naming opportunities exist at both sites.**
4. The NJMS 2024 ISA didn't meet the response-rate requirements, resulting in an administrative survey. What steps are being taken to ensure adequate response rates in future ISA cycles, particularly given that the "December update" repeat surveys are referenced repeatedly throughout the report? **Questioning survey fatigue. Need 70% each question and 70% of each survey. Possible incentive (\$10 Amazon/Starbucks gift card as an incentive).**
5. The report references "fear of lost identity across both schools" and rebuilt trust. What specific evidence (beyond joint student events and dean's cabinet role assumption) will be presented to demonstrate durable cultural integration rather than parallel operation under a shared name? **The process was the key, including the approach, open dialogue, and building trust. Summit and with vision. Dean was happy with the number of nominations for faculty leadership positions. They believe it is more engagement than trust.**

Rutgers Senate Representatives:

Jeremy Grachan, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Chirag Shah, MD, FACEP, Professor of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Rutgers Health Student Report:

Not received.

New Brunswick Faculty Council Report:

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