

## **Letter from Department of History to Board of Governors:**

November 29, 2011

Dear Chairman Izzo and Distinguished Members of the Board of Governors,

As members of the Rutgers-Camden History Department and the Rutgers AAUP/AFT, we write to express our concerns about the discussion of a possible change in our status. For over sixty years we have served the citizens of New Jersey by providing an outstanding education. We educate graduate and undergraduate students not only on our own campus, but also in New Brunswick, where we have offered courses and served on dissertation committees. Our alumni can be found throughout the state running businesses, working in law firms, serving in government, holding elected office, and educating New Jersey's youth. Our faculty is engaged in a variety of community service efforts promoting the humanities in our region, working in partnership with non-profit organizations, and providing educational programming. The History Department at Rutgers-Camden excels in creating new knowledge. We produce prizewinning scholarship. We receive fellowships and grants to support our research. Most recently, a member of our department has been honored with a MacArthur "Genius" Award. We carry the Rutgers name around the nation and the world as we present our scholarship and engage with other academic leaders. Our success is Rutgers' success. By the same token, our success depends on being part of a world-class university with its outstanding resources. We ask that you vigorously oppose any effort to remove Rutgers-Camden from the Rutgers University system.

Sincerely,

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