

Sam Rabinowitz-Board of Governors Presentation-December 14, 2011

Mr. Chair and Colleagues on the Board:

Good afternoon. Whether you are a Knight, Raider, or Raptor, you are all part of the Scarlet Nation. That's the way I began the September meetings of the University Senate (the President's Annual Address meeting) during the three years in which I chaired the Senate. My intention was to clearly indicate that, despite geographical separation, WE indeed are all Rutgers.....and quite proud of that association!

When I initially interviewed at Rutgers in 1984, I made it my business to meet with business faculty on all campuses and in all business programs before making a decision. This "big picture" of Rutgers has shaped the way I have approached my involvement in my "home" unit (School of Business-Camden) and across the university. Over the years, I have been able to build many bonds with academic and administrative colleagues on all campuses who, like myself, are committed to and respectful of the Rutgers brand and the traditions and culture that come with it. I wish to continue being part of this family!

I have had the pleasure of seeing my academic unit grow from a Faculty of Business Studies to an accredited and reaccredited school which has been able to recruit outstanding scholars in all business disciplines---Fulbright award recipients— presidents and fellows in professional organizations---journal editors---nationally recognized educators-----it's a profile which is truly part of the fabric of a great university---THIS great university! The Rutgers brand and reputation matter!

So, how do we move ahead? One such model was recently initiated by members of the Graduate School of Education. A couple of weeks ago, a gathering of close to 60 faculty members from academic units of all Rutgers campuses ranging from business and law to psychology and education gathered to start the process which may lead to the creation of a Center for Disabilities Studies..... recognizing that around this great university of ours there are many people who have interests in a common topic—but with a range of possible approaches to it. Let me add that faculty from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and NJIT also participated. The idea of the formation of centers and consortia involving multiple institutions of higher education can be built upon----- a charge led by the academic prominence and leadership of Rutgers.

We, at Camden, wish to be a continuing and contributing part of the future of Rutgers.

We are a healthy limb on this academic tree. Don't allow this branch to be cut!

Finally, on a personal note, let me say that I was the first person from the Camden campus to have been elected chair of the University Senate. I do not want to be noted in the annals of Rutgers history as the ONLY one.

Thanks for your time.

