

# *Rutgers Council of AAUP Chapters*

American Association of University Professors - American Federation of Teachers

## **Resolution passed by the Executive Council of the Rutgers Council of AAUP Chapters, AAUP-AFT on April 19, 2007 in support of Rutgers Students:**

Whereas, Rutgers University as a public institution of higher education in New Jersey seeks knowledge and truth while promoting diversity and inclusiveness;

And Whereas, Rutgers University attracts some of the best students from across the nation and around the world;

And Whereas, Rutgers AAUP-AFT takes great pride in the diversity of our faculty, staff, student body and alumni;

And Whereas, Rutgers AAUP-AFT condemns all forms of racism and sexism on our campuses and in our society;

And Whereas, as faculty/staff we cannot ignore this direct, unwarranted, degrading attack on the reputation and honor of our students who are hard-working, dedicated, and the future leaders of our society.

Be it Resolved, that the Rutgers AAUP-AFT formally condemns the racist and sexist comments of Don Imus regarding the Rutgers University women's basketball team;

Be it Further Resolved, that we as a faculty/staff extend our support to these ten students in this difficult time and to all other members of our community who were hurt and offended;

Be it Further Resolved, that the Rutgers AAUP-AFT, in an effort to seek knowledge and truth and to promote diversity and change, will undertake to sponsor a series of forums to be held on the Rutgers University campuses to examine the issues of racism and sexism and their effects on our university community and society as a whole;

Be it Finally Resolved, that the Rutgers AAUP-AFT will seek the co-sponsorship of academic units, student organizations and community organizations in this effort.