Updates

• NJIT Campus Gateway Project
  • Developer selected for the Greek Village
  • Four to six moving forward to locate in Greek Village
  • JLL/St. Michael’s entered into Letter of Intent for parking deck on MLK

• Faculty Separation Incentive Program (application period ends 6/30/2011)

• Faculty Performance-based Salary Increase Distribution System
Governor’s Proposed FY12 Budget

- State: $29.4 billion (2.6% less than FY11)
- State needs to:
  - Reduce taxes to spur job growth
  - Reform pension and health benefits to assist in property tax reduction
  - Implement school reform (reward excellent teachers, more charter schools)
  - Halt further reductions in higher ed funding
Governor’s Proposed FY12 Budget

• Higher Education:
  • Maintain FY11 base operating budgets level
  • No tuition increase cap
  • Increase Tuition Aid Grants by 9% ($27 million)
  • Adjust other programs in Student Financial Assistance (increase of 5.3%)
Governor’s Task Force on Higher Education

• Appointed May 7, 2010; charged with making recommendations regarding State’s higher education system

• Report released Jan 4, 2011; recommendations made regarding governance, mission, finances, Rutgers, UMDNJ, workforce/economic development

• Acknowledged NJIT as the State’s “only public institution devoted primarily to advanced instruction and research in applied science and technology”
Governor’s Task Force on Higher Education

• “As New Jersey’s largest city, **Newark is integral to educating our college students, healthcare providers, and other professionals**. Significant educational and economic benefits would flow from a **focused effort to restructure and revitalize the components of UMDNJ in Newark**. New Jersey’s public research institutions—Rutgers University and NJIT—must step up and provide the leadership needed to provide the resources and knowledge to achieve this essential vision.
Executive Order #51

• WHEREAS, unlike the vast majority of medical schools in most other states which are affiliated with a research university, **UMDNJ is a free-standing institution and has no affiliation with a research university**;

• Executive Order #51; establishes the UMDNJ Advisory Committee

• Committee charged with examining delivery of medical education in NJ and developing recommendations
Executive Order #51

- Committee should recommend regarding the following:
  - Whether RWJMS and the SPH should be merged with Rutgers University’s New Brunswick-Piscataway campuses;
  - Whether UMDNJ’s Newark based schools should be merged with any of the senior public higher education institutions in Newark;
  - Whether UMDNJ’s South Jersey – based schools should be merged with any of the senior public higher education institutions in South Jersey;
  - Whether NJIT should start its own medical school;
  - How [graduate] medical education should be delivered in South Jersey;
  - Whether the various public nursing schools should merge;
UMDNJ on life support
It's not looking good for the survival of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, which is in Chris Christie’s crosshairs.

Under the current working plan, the state would transfer University Hospital, in Newark, to St. Barnabas Health Care System, which includes Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. UMDNJ’s Newark medical school would move to the New Jersey Institute of Technology, while Rutgers University would get Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, in New Brunswick. The state thus offloads the cost of operating University Hospital: Last year, New Jersey appropriated $262.4 million for UMDNJ’s operations, and $192.9 million for employee fringe benefits, according to UMDNJ’s financial statements.

David Samson is said to be Christie’s voice in these discussions, which include key stakeholders such as Joe DiVincenzo and Ray Lesniak. Lesniak has been in favor of a UMDNJ restructuring since it was first proposed by the McGreevey administration. But most important is the push from the top: “The governor wants to get rid of UMDNJ,” a source familiar with the process said.