

R. Barbara Gitenstein
Advisory Commission on Social Justice: Race and Educational Attainment
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Last semester after the student archival research on Dr. Paul Loser, conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Rob McGreevey, came to light, I emphasized that The College of New Jersey needed to be transparent about this history and at the same time embrace our responsibilities as a values based public institution of higher education. In order to accomplish that goal, I have appointed a commission to help the college consider how best to meet this challenge.

I am pleased to announce that the individuals below have agreed to serve on The College of New Jersey Advisory Commission on Social Justice: Race and Educational Attainment. This commission will be charged with leading a campus conversation regarding the legacy of the namesake of one of our campus' buildings, putting this legacy in an historical and institutional context. For instance, the commission's work will also consider the college's current and former relationships with the cities of Trenton and Ewing and our history as an institution of higher education and an institution with responsibilities to our surrounding communities. This work will result in a report which will provide advisory recommendations to the president regarding programs, actions, and initiatives that seek to remediate instances of inequality and prejudice, including ways in which the institution can have a positive impact on race relations and social justice in the present and in the future.

The members of the commission include:

John Donohue, co-chair, cabinet member
Chris Fisher, co-chair, faculty
James "Butter" Allen, community member
Sarah Bennett, student
Walter Chambers, former trustee
Tabith Dell'Angelo, faculty
Lynette Harris, staff
Adrienne Hayling, community member
Donte Ingram, student
Cassandra Kriegel, student
Jeanine LaRue, community member
Rob McGreevey, faculty
Kevin Moncayo, student
Michael Nordquist, staff
Joe O'Brien, staff
Kim Pearson, faculty

Kerri Thompson-Tillett, staff
Nelida Valentin, community member

I deeply appreciate the time these members of our internal and external communities have agreed to commit to addressing these issues. The commission will provide updates to the community as their work progresses throughout this semester.

Sincerely,

R. Barbara Gitenstein
President