

UNIVERSITY SENATE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2012: 11:00 AM Rowan Hall Auditorium

The University Senate conducted an emergency meeting to adopt a position statement on the New Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act (the Restructuring Act).

Eric Milou introduced Andrew Lees, Ph.D., Professor of History at the Rutgers-Camden University Senate, who read a brief statement commending the efforts of Rowan University to combat the Restructuring Act and insure the independence and self governance of both institutions. He expressed concern that the revisions to the proposal indicate the third "super" board will oversee only joint

During the discussion, several Senate representatives expressed their opposition to having the third board created to appear to lend approval to such a scenario. Eric explained that the Board of Trustees resolution was in essence a request for political compromise to insure the independence of each institution and that, while it was not without taking a hard line on the issue would likely backfire.

The University Senate position states: "We endorse the following clause in the Rowan Board of Trustees Resolution: Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Rowan Board of Trustees that it endorses the effort to create a joint board with authority over new joint initiatives between the two institutions while retaining the individual autonomy of both institutions and their respective governing boards."

The position statement was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed, and no abstentions.

Sandy Tweedie will represent Eric Milou and the University Senate next week when the Rutgers University Senate considers a similar proposal.

ROWAN UNIVERSITY SENATE
Position Statement on

Rowan faculty and staff have consistently demonstrated restraint in speculation and controversy regarding the possibilities of a reorganization of higher education in New Jersey. However, the Rowan University Senate, representing the institution's faculty, librarians, and