

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Approved Minutes

Date: January 21, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

Present: Mary Collins (FGSEHS), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Ron Needleman (Huizenga/IRB), Barbara Packer (FGSEHS), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Barbara Sterry (OGC)

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), *Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Gary Gershman (FAR), *Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), Ed Keith (OSC/IRB), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/Exec. Offices), Peggy Loewy Wellisch (Student Financial Services), Andres Malave (HPD/COP), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), and Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), and Hamdesa Tusso (GSHSS)

Committee Charge: The purpose of the Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development is to assist with the development of goals and expectations for scholarship and research and to define the policies and procedures needed to support these activities in a high-quality manner.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2002

The minutes of the December meeting were not available. They will be sent to all members via email requesting review and comment by 1/28/03.

2. Presentation: Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Service's Applied Research Office

Dr. Barbara Packer gave a comprehensive overview of the Applied Research Office, which was established last February as part of a major re-organization of the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services (FGSEHS). Prior to this re-organization, the school had six different doctoral degree programs, all with their own policies and procedures related to the dissertation process and involving approximately 3500 doctoral students working on their dissertations. Dr. Packer reviewed the mission and goals of the Office, as well as the

multitude of resources the Office provides, by acquainting the committee members with the ARO web site: (<http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/aro>).

Under the direction of Dr. Packer, the process for developing the office involved one faculty member from each of the center's programs who were responsible for reviewing and sharing what worked and didn't work with respect to the dissertation process in their respective programs. Additionally, approximately 90% of the 400 dissertation advisors, who work independently around the country, were involved in regionalized training sessions. Resources such as an evaluation tool, a standard contract, and a tracking system (NSU*ART database) were developed. Moreover, four research courses (available on -line or face-to-face)¾Evaluation, Testing & Measurement, Design & Methodology, and Statistics¾have been developed.

The result of these initiatives is an office whose purpose is to encourage cooperation among research communities and to advocate quality research. The Office supports faculty and student growth in research and related areas through the promotion and use of technology and through the development of essential resources.

3. United States Geological Survey Update

Barbara Sterry gave a brief update on the USGS competition. She reported that the university has responded to 11 questions from the USGS, which supplement our proposal, and provide additional information and clarification to USGS' questions. The response is due to USGS by Friday, January 24th. Ms. Sterry indicated that the proposal development process is an example of a team effort between NSU, UF, and FAU. The USGS anticipates making a decision by the spring of this year.

4. President's Faculty Scholarship Awards (PFSA) Update

Ms. Sterry provided an update on the PFSA Action Plan. She indicated we are on target with respect to the PFSA activities for this year's competition; specifically, two technical assistance sessions for reviewers were held in January, with a total of 36 faculty reviewers in attendance. Ms. Sterry's office will be following up with a memo to all reviewers, which provides a re-cap of what was discussed in the sessions. Ms. Sterry also provided an overview of the electronic process, which will be initiated this year for both proposal submission and review. The PFSA web site is also in the process of being updated to reflect these new procedures. Ms. Sterry encouraged everyone to share this information with faculty and to encourage them to submit an application. The Office of Grants and Contracts is available to answer faculty questions about the process. Ms. Sterry thanked Dr. Joesphine Shallo-Hoffman, whose help throughout this process has been invaluable.

5. Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking: Graduate Student Scholarship Program

Dr. Shallo-Hoffman provided a summary of the December 20, 2002 meeting with Dr. Chenail, Dr. Ed Keith, Dr. Appu Rathinavelu, and herself. She indicated that a draft proposal detailing the rationale for the establishment of a scholarship fund and tuition waivers for graduate students has been developed. Moreover, she stated that

discussion has focused on those faculty members with funding, who are in a position to attract quality graduate students and offer tuition waivers to them since the student's salary would be paid from the faculty member's grant. Once the proposal is in final draft form, it will be brought before the Committee for review.

A number of the committee members indicated that not all centers/colleges have faculty who are receiving grants, nor are they inclined or encouraged to submit grants. A need for better clarification and articulation of the university's position regarding research was also mentioned. Dr. Levy indicated that there would need to be a change in the culture of the organization; other members pointed out the need to develop the needed infrastructure to support research at NSU, if that was a priority.

Dr. Levy updated the committee members on the HPD's plans regarding a proposed research facility. They are in the process of developing a proposal, which is due February 1st.

6. Other Items of Discussion

Ms. Sterry reminded everyone about the Workshops in Online Learning, the fourth presentation in the series, will be presented January 23, 2003 from 2:30-4:30 in the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. More information can be found at <http://spinner.scis.nova.edu/BestPractice4/Forum4.htm>

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2003

Dr. Andres Malave was scheduled to make a presentation about the Health Professions Division Research Committee at the February meeting; however, several individuals indicated that they would be unavailable on the 19th and requested that the meeting be re-scheduled. February 26th has been identified as an alternate date. All members will be notified via email once a date has been confirmed.

8. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM