

## **Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development**

### **Minutes**

**Date: February 19, 2002**

**Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**

**Place: Horvitz Building, Labonte Board Room**

Present: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs), Cleveland Clarke (FGSEHS), Mary Collins (FGSEHS), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Ed Keith (OSC/IRB), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), and Hamdesa Tusso (GSHSS)

Absent: Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Gary Gershman\* (FAR), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), Billie Jo Kaufman\* (LAW), David Loshin\* (HPD/OPT), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/Exec. Offices), Peggy Loewy Wellisch\* (Student Financial Services), Andres Malave\* (HPD/COP), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Joel Munson\* (I/A), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman\* (HPD/OPT), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), Mahmood Shivji\* (OSC), and Barbara Sterry\* (OGC)

\* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

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**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.

- **Welcome**
- **Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2001**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

- **President's Faculty Scholarship Awards Update**

Dr. Chenail reported that the date of the Awards Ceremony had been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 28, 2002. The Ceremony will be held at the Health Professions Division's Hull Auditorium. Committee members, Drs. Keith and Shallo-Hoffman will be working with Dr. Chenail to adjust the reviewing process for this year's awards. At an earlier meeting, the Committee had recommended we add additional faculty reviewers so we could have more discipline and field-familiar reviewers for the proposals.

- **Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking: Graduate**

## **Student Scholarship Program**

Drs. Keith and Rathinavelu presented reports (see attachments) on ways that NSU can improve research at the university. In Dr. Rathinavelu's report he called for the creation of scholarship fund to support graduate students who would work with faculty in research pursuits. He said there was a special need for creating such financial support for international graduate students. He discussed the recent developments in the College of Pharmacy as one example of how the role of research was being expanded at NSU. The College is moving ahead with a plan to create a Ph.D. in Pharmacy program. Dean Hardigan has appointed Dr. Maleve to a director of research position. In this capacity, Dr. Malave will help to direct the College's efforts to build research resources and programs that will be needed to support the learning mission of the proposed graduate program.

In his report, Dr. Keith cited the support of research and scholarship in the NSU mission statement, vision, values, and Strategy Implementation Projects (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/urp/pdfs/0018.pdf>) sections of the university's strategic plan. From that foundation, he went on to describe how the creation of university-wide scholarships for graduate students would be in keeping with the NSU strategic plan. Dr. Keith also reported that he would revise his report and distribute it to the members of the Committee.

Other Committee members responded enthusiastically to these two reports by echoing their support for finding ways to fund graduate students at NSU. Some members pointed out that NSU cannot support research from totally internal funding sources and that the university needed a comprehensive plan to pull all that is needed at NSU to build a sustainable research program. This plan would need to include infrastructure such as lab resources along with graduate students who want to learn how to conduct research.

In addition, Committee members generated a number of ways the university could increase the quantity and quality of research being conducted. These ideas included reducing teaching loads, granting release time for faculty, adding more graduate research assistants, hiring new faculty with research experience, creating support for entrepreneurial faculty, and grants in hand, make pursuit of external funding a requirement for President's Faculty Scholarship Award winners, and create other internal funding/support programs in which faculty can propose grant writing projects.

Another Committee member suggested the need to have faculty mentors at the university. She said it was important for beginning faculty to have support in developing research programs and in learning of new funding opportunities. Dr. Chenail cited some of the resources provided by the NSU Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC) that are helpful for addressing some of these needs. Ms. Pat Losak from OGC conducts regular electronic searches for grant and other funding announcements and distributes these reports to faculty and staff throughout the university. Faculty members are encouraged to meet with Ms. Losak to learn how they can participate in this service too. Ms. Losak can be contacted at 954.262.5368 or [losakp@nova.edu](mailto:losakp@nova.edu).

- **Other Items of Discussion:**

**Upcoming Meetings with President Ferrero**

Dr. Chenail discussed the upcoming meetings between President Ferrero and the faculties of the various academic units. These meetings will start in the first week of March. Dr. Chenail encouraged members of the Committee to bring up issues regarding the improvement of research and scholarship at NSU during these sessions. He also suggested Committee members promote the importance of these meeting to their colleagues.

**Committee Schedule for 2002-2003**

Dr. Chenail distributed the schedule for the 2002-2003 meetings of the Committee. The following is that list:

Wednesday - September 18, 2002  
Wednesday - October 16, 2002  
Tuesday - November 19, 2002  
Wednesday - December 18, 2002  
Tuesday - January 21, 2003  
Wednesday - February 19, 2003  
Tuesday - March 18, 2003  
Wednesday - April 16, 2003  
Tuesday - May 20, 2003  
Wednesday - June 18, 2003

**Recent Meeting on Enrollment Projections**

Dr. Chenail reported that President Ferrero and a central administration team had been meeting with academic unit deans to discuss their enrollment projections as part of the Capital Improvement Plan at NSU. In these discussions, deans and their staffs explained enrollment figures from their centers over the last five years, reviewed projections for the next five years, and discussed capital needs based upon projected growth.

A number of the deans discussed the needs for additional space and other resources needed to support increased research activities. These resources included proposed lab facilities to conduct bench, clinical, and applied research, rooms for interviewing research subjects, computer facilities dedicated to quantitative and qualitative analysis, and space to store data. The deans also discussed the need to have greater support faculty in their training of students who are pursuing research as part of their educational programs. One such support mentioned was the sharing or pooling of university-wide faculty resources in the areas of research design and advanced statistics. Dr. Chenail will share a copy of the report on these meeting with the Committee members when it is produced later this year.

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2002**

- **Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.