

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Approved Minutes

Date: March 16, 2004

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

Present: Ron Chenail (PRO), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Gary Gershman (FCAS), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Ron Needleman (HUIZENGA), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Kimberly Shaw (MSIECS), and Barbara Sterry (OGC).

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Mary Collins (FGSE), Akintade Dare (HPD/CDM), Arthur DeCarlo (HPD/COM), Gary Gershman (FCAS), Joe Grohman (LAW), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Ed Keith (OSC), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/EXEC.OFCS), Peggy Loewy Wellisch (FIN.AID), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Barbara Packer (FGSE), * Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), and Hamdesa Tuso (GHS&SS).

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 February 18, 2004

The minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting were approved and will be posted at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facres/forms/facres021804.pdf>.

2. Quality of Life Program: <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/qol/>

Dr. Chenail distributed a handout consisting of the NSU Quality of Life web site. He reviewed these pages and discussed the marketing efforts underway to promote participation in this year's competition. It was clarified that the awards are for a maximum of \$10,000. It was also noted that the members of the Quality of Life Council will be the judges for this year's competition. Future funding options for the awards are also being discussed so as to increase the number of Quality of Life awards. Dr. Chenail noted that all questions regarding the awards should be directed to Dr. Kimberly Durham.

3. Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking: Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Program

Members of the sub-committee have completed their assigned tasks and a follow up

meeting has been scheduled. Ms. Barbara Sterry and her staff conducted a survey of the current number of external awards on which graduate students serve. She has also researched the policies other local universities have in place regarding the awarding of graduate student waivers. Dr. Appu Rathinavelu also completed his draft report summarizing the actions taken so far by the committee. In commenting on this draft, Dr. David Loshin suggested that we place greater stress on the prestige this program will bring to the university in helping to attract research-focused graduate students. Dr. Chenail said the sub-committee will report back to the full committee before the April meeting.

4. President's Faculty Research and Development Grants Update – Ron Chenail

Dr. Chenail and Ms. Sterry both reported a high level of inquiries and questions from prospective faculty investigators. They both feel that there will be a record number of submissions for this year's competition.

5. Protection of Human Subjects System / IRB Accreditation Update

Dr. Chenail reported on the recent retreat held to discuss the process by which NSU's Protection of Human Subjects Systems including the IRB would become federally accredited. He said the consultant, Dr. Mark Williams, had submitted his report and the committee working on this project would be meeting later this morning to plan the next steps in the process. Included in this process would be the potential hiring of an IRB Administrator. Dr. Leonard Levy added that there was a distinct possibility that the Palm Beach VA Hospital may help to financially support this new position. Dr. Levy also told the group that he and Dr. Williams traveled to the VA Hospital the day after the retreat to meet with key members of the VA's administration to discuss next steps in the NSU-VA collaboration. Dr. Levy also shared that the VA was preparing to increase its research activities and that this could provide collaborative research opportunities for the university.

6. Deans' Retreat 2004

Dr. Chenail said the upcoming Deans' retreat would focus on research at NSU. He stated this would be an important subject matter for this committee since President Ferrero wishes to develop strategies for identifying and assessing NSU's internal capacities for conducting research with external, collaborative partners. Part of this discussion would involve articulating the institutional goals for the enhancement of research at NSU. Dr. Chenail also added that the deans would examine the topic of Centers of Excellence and how the development of these organizational structures would be managed. Lastly, Dr. Chenail pointed out that the deans would also discuss conducting a gap analysis between NSU's current level of research productivity and its future goals. To this end, Dr. Levy advocated for the university to pursue the creating of endowed chairs to support research.

7. Other Items of Discussion:

a. Title V and Title III Programs: Ms. Sterry produced and distributed a list of federal programs that were now open to NSU by virtue of being designated as a Title V and III eligible institution.

b. Dr. Chenail shared that during their recent visit, the College of the Bahamas

expressed interest in conducting joint research with the university. Areas of common interest included coral reef research and studies that would shed light on male students' failure to persist and flourish in Bahamian and South Florida school systems.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2004

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.