

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Minutes

Date: March 20, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, Labonte Board Room

Present: Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs), Cleveland Clarke (FGSEHS), Mary Collins (FGSEHS), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Gary Gershman (FAR), Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), Ed Keith (OSC/IRB), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), Barbara Sterry (OGC), and Hamdesa Tusso (GSHSS)

Absent: *Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), *Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/Exec. Offices), *Peggy Loewy Wellisch (Student Financial Services), *Andres Malave (HPD/COP), *Joel Munson* (I/A), *Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), and *Mahmood Shivji (OSC)

* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

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 February 19, 2002**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Janssen asked about the electronic distribution of the minutes. She reported she had not been receiving them. Dr. Chenail said he would have Ms. Hagler-Olson check into the email alias for the Committee. Update: Dr. Janssen's email address had been mistyped on the email alias and this was corrected.

- **President's Faculty Scholarship Awards Update: Call for Reviewers**

Dr. Chenail reported that deans were asked to submit names of 3 reviewers to help with this year's competition. This call for reviewers would help the Awards to have a process that was more a peer review in nature than what we have had in the first two years of the Awards.

Drs. Shallo-Hoffman and Keith helped to draft the memo that was emailed on March 16. Deans have until March 25 to turn in their names.

Ms. Sterry reported that her office had worked with one faculty member on a draft proposal for this year's Awards. She also stated that she and her staff had received many calls over the last few weeks from faculty who were preparing proposals. Completed proposals are due April 1.

Dr. Mayrovitz reported that his dean wanted to know if we could anticipate the areas of science in which we would need the most reviewers. Dr. Chenail said we would not know our needs until the proposals were submitted since we only have two years of submissions and this wouldn't be enough information from which to make a prediction.

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

Dr. Keith circulated a new draft of the Proposal, "Rationale for Establishment of a Graduate Student Scholarship Fund." He noted that he had added sections on relevant Critical Initiatives from the NSU Strategic Plan, measures that would demonstrate accomplishments of the program's goals, and other initiatives that could help to further research and scholarship at NSU.

Dr. Chenail circulated Dr. Shivji's email from February 27, 2002 on graduate student tuition waivers. Committee members suggested that parts of Dr. Shivji's email be incorporated into Dr. Keith's latest draft. Dr. Keith said he would work on this revision. Dr. Janssen also suggested that the committee's charge be added to the draft so as to show on this initiative fits within the charge of the Committee. All committee members were asked to submit their comments to Dr. Keith.

The Committee set a timeline to have a new draft for President Ferrero to review prior to the April 16, 2002 meeting of the Committee. President Ferrero will attend the April meeting to discuss this proposal as well as other Committee activities.

Update: Dr. Keith completed the next draft of the proposal and Dr. Chenail circulated the file as an email attachment on April 1, 2002.

- **Other Items of Discussion IRB Brochure**

Ms. Sterry distributed the new Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects brochure. Ms. Sterry created the brochure as part of her Quality Improvement Plan.

Federal Appropriations

Dr. Chenail announced that federal appropriations had been submitted for Fiscal Year 2003. NSU works with Cartwright and Ehrlich and Patton Boggs to secure federal earmarks. This year, proposals were submitted from the Oceanographic Center; the Center for Psychological Studies; the Mailman

Segal Institute; the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences; the Criminal Justice Institute; the Shepard Broad Law Center; the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services; and the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Biostatistician

Committee members voiced their support for adding a biostatistician to help support grant writing at NSU. Dr. Chenail said the need had also been raised to President Ferrero at some of the recently held Capital Improvement Project meetings with the deans. Dr. Chenail said he would discuss the need with President Ferrero.

Update: President Ferrero directed Dr. Chenail and Dr. John Losak, Vice President for Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs, to re-work the job description of position vacancy in the Office of Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs so that it becomes a biostatistician position.

Fischler Graduate School Research Re-Structuring

Dr. Clarke reported that the applied research faculties at the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services had been brought under one administrative structure. Dr. Chenail said he would invite Drs. Barbara Packer and Mary Ellen Mahrer to an upcoming meeting of the Committee to discuss the new configuration. Dr. Chenail also mentioned that the Fischler faculty members were looking to develop center-wide research resources that could be used university-wide. Dr. Chenail stated that some online qualitative research resources he had developed were being adapted for use at Fischler. He said these resources could be accessed online at <http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/index.html>.

Research Day

Dr. Loshin suggested the university host another day dedicated to research and scholarship. Previously, Dr. Elizabeth McDaniel, the former NSU Academic Vice President, had organized such an event. Committee members suggested making the event a multi-university affair, adding an outside speaker, and working to get press coverage for the event. It was also suggested that local industry and economic development organizations like the Broward Alliance be invited to participate. Ms. Kauffman and Ms. Sterry volunteered to help Dr. Chenail write a proposal for the event.

Other Areas of Research

Dr. Gershman pointed out that many of our research initiatives emphasized technological and natural sciences and that we should also work to improve research and scholarship in the arts, humanities, and social/behavioral sciences. Committee members expressed their support for a diversity of research and scholarship activities at NSU. Dr. Chenail stated that the university was exploring some new initiatives that could lead to some new

opportunities in the arts for research and scholarship.

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2002:**

President Ray Ferrero, Jr., will meet with the Committee from 9 to 9:30 AM.

- **Adjournment**

With no further new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.