

# Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

## Approved Minutes

**Date:** April 20, 2005

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Place:** Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

**Present:** Jaime Arango, Ron Chenail, Mary Collins, J. Preston Jones, Ed Keith, Harold Laubach, Leonard Levy, and Barbara Sterry

**Absent:** Nathan Azrin, Elizabeth Brennan, Arthur DeCarlo, Richard Dix, \*Laurie Dringus, Franklin Garcia-Godoy, Gary Gershman, Charles Golden, \*Joe Grohman, Melissa Hale, Ling Li, Ed Lieblein, Fred Lippman, Peggy Loewy Wellisch, \*David Loshin, \*Maryellen Maher, Andres Malavé, Harvey Mayrovitz, \*Appu Rathinavelu, Keith Sherwood, \*Mahmood Shivji, and Hamdesa Tusso

\* 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.

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1. Welcome and Introductions
  2. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2005

The minutes of the March 15, 2005 meeting were approved and will be posted at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facres/facres031505.html>.

3. Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking: Graduate Research Scholarship Program (GRSP) – Ron Chenail and Barbara Sterry

Dr. Chenail and Ms. Sterry reported they had met with Ms. Sharon Fredda and Ms. Nancy Varner from the Office of Human Resources to discuss the GRSP in light of some concerns that had been raised due to some possible conflicts with the current NSU tuition waiver program (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/hrd/emphanbk/tuition.html>). As part of these discussions some options had been suggested:

- Provide a scholarship for the tuition and pay through Student Payroll. Student employees, however, are not entitled to benefits.
- Pay as regular part-time employees and provide the NSU regular tuition waiver (see <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/hrd/emphanbk/tuition.html>). Graduate student/employees are

taxed on tuition dollars from \$5251 and upwards. These student/employees would be eligible for other pro-rated benefits and leaves, with the exception of medical coverage as they will be working 20 hours per week, not the required 28 hours per week for medical insurance eligibility.

- Pay as regular part-time employees, and provide a scholarship for their tuition. These student/employees would be eligible for other pro-rated benefits and leaves, with the exception of medical coverage as they will be working 20 hours per week, not the required 28 hours per week for medical insurance eligibility.

Due to these concerns and the inability of the institution to increase the portion of its indirect costs to generate the dollar amount needed to cover the expense of the tuition waivers, Dr. Chenail stated the committee would need to reconsider the direction of the program and to determine the viability of the other scenarios being considered.

Dr. Ed Keith highlighted some of the original assumptions and developments of the project up to this point and offered to join Dr. Chenail and Ms. Sterry in this latest round of discussions.

#### 4. President's Faculty Research and Development Grants (PFRDG) and Quality of Life Awards Update – Ron Chenail and Barbara Sterry

Dr. Chenail and Ms. Sterry reported that 45 proposals had been submitted by the April 1, 2005 deadline for the PFRDG competition. This was the second largest group of submissions in the six-year history of the awards. They also reported five proposals had been submitted for the Quality of Life Awards. Committee members suggested the fewer number of submissions could be attributed to the new policy regarding open awards from previous year's competitions being considered in this year's awards and those past winners may now be continuing their research on external funding could be two explanations on this year's numbers not being higher than the 2003-2004 ones. Reviewers' scores were due back on April 29 and President Ray Ferrero would be making final selections of this year's winners during the week of May 9. The awards ceremony would be held May 17 in the Atrium of the Carl DeSantis Building.

#### 5. Protection of Human Subjects System / IRB Accreditation Update – Charles Golden, Barbara Sterry, and Jaime Arango

Mr. Arango reported that the new IRB web site was up (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/ogc/irb/>) and it features new resources and external links. He also reported that he and Dr. Charles Golden would be attending the first meeting of the South Florida Human Subjects Network. The meeting was initiated by the University of Miami as a part of an National Institutes of Health grant that they have to improve human subjects protections procedures/operations as well as the overall training of both IRB members as well as investigators and other involved in research. Mr. Arango said he would give a report of this event at the May meeting of the committee.

#### 6. NSU Research Taskforce – Franklin Garcia-Godoy and Maryellen Maher

Dr. Chenail reported the latest draft of the taskforce's report was being readied for review by President Ray Ferrero, Vice President Frank DePiano, and the rest of the members of the

taskforce.

7. Other Items of Discussion

Dr. Chenail spoke about the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that is part of the accreditation reaffirmation process that NSU is undertaking. He said the QEP was a university-wide plan that focuses on enhancing programs that can lead to improved outcomes of student learning.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2005