

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Minutes

Date: June 18, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs), Mary Collins (FGSEHS), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Barbara Packer (FGSEHS), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), and Barbara Sterry (OGC)

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), *Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Gary Gershman (FAR), *Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), *J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), *Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), *Ed Keith (OSC/IRB), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), 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), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), and Hamdesa Tusso (GSHSS)

* 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.

1. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2002

The minutes were approved unanimously without revisions. They can be found online at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facres/forms/facres052202.pdf>.

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

The committee members discussed plans to move up various activities of the PFSA to give faculty members more time to prepare their proposals. Dr. Chenail said he would work on addressing this concern and develop a new timeline with Ms. Sterry.

Committee members suggested that the start date for the PFSA be moved to June 1. The rationale being that for 9.5-month faculty the wait until July 1 cut out valuable research time. Dr. Chenail said he would take this recommendation to President Ferrero for his review.

Committee members discussed the possibility of eliminating the five points for collaboration. They felt some investigators were adding collaborators just to get the points rather than for scientific reasons. Dr. Chenail said he would take this

recommendation to President Ferrero for his review.

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

Dr. Chenail reported on the progress being made regarding the collection of responses from the academic units. Thirteen of sixteen centers had responded. Dr. Chenail also reported that he was working on a summary report to present to President Ferrero.

Committee members suggested the university look into a tuition waiver program for graduate students along the lines as the one offered to NSU employees. Dr. Chenail noted that the university was conducting a study on the employee tuition waiver program. Results of that report might be important to examine in light of this discussion.

Dr. Rathinavelu reported on plans within the College of Pharmacy to build a graduate program. He discussed ways his college was approaching the support of graduate students. He noted issues such as income tax implications must be taken into consideration when awarding tuition waivers to students is concerned.

Committee members suggested that a program like the tuition waivers and/or scholarships be started in select academic centers on a trail basis. Dr. Chenail suggested that the concept be shared with the Council of Deans to learn of their reactions to these recommendations.

4. Research Day

Dr. Chenail reported that the sub-committee was continuing to explore formats for the proposed research day. He also stated that the sub-committee was gathering names and contact information for possible speakers.

5. Other Items of Discussion: Support for the Office of Grants and Contracts

Dean Loshin encouraged members of the committee to lend their support for a number of human resources and budgetary requests being made by the Office of Grants and Contracts.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2002

7. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM