

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Approved Minutes

Date: September 17, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

Present: Soledad Argüelles (FGSE&HS), Ron Chenail (PRO), Akintade Dare (HPD/CDM), Gary Gershman (FARQUHAR), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Ed Keith (OSC), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Kimberly Shaw (MSIECS), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), Barbara Sterry (OGC), and Hamdesa Tusó (GHS&SS).

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), *Mary Collins (FGSE&HS), Arthur DeCarlo (HPD/COM), *Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/EXEC/OFC.S.), *Peggy Loewy-Wellisch (FIN.AID), *Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Ron Needleman (HUIZENGA), and Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM).

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 June 18, 2003

The minutes of the May 21, 2003 meeting were approved.

2. Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking: Graduate Student Scholarship Program – Dr. Ed Keith

The Sub-committee consisting of Dr. Ed Keith, Dr. Ron Chenail, Dr. David Loshin, Dr. Mahmood Shivji, Roger LaCasse, Sharon Fredda, and Dr. Josephine Shallo-Hoffman, met during the summer and proposed a new business plan that would set up a new classification for the hiring of graduate students. This plan has a category for student work and research, which allows the person to be classified as a student employee. The proposal has the benefit of fitting into the present employee university structure and will reduce the total cost of the program. In the June 2003 meeting of the FRS committee, Dr. Hanbury recommended a Marketing Plan be included in the proposal.

Dr. Chenail suggested that changes be made to the President's Faculty Research Development Grant website to include the college work-study proposal and a frequently asked questions section.

Dr. Ed Keith mentioned that the committee is asking the university to establish a fund to pay fringe benefit rates to allow the proposal recipient to qualify for tuition waiver. A discussion followed.

Dr. Chenail then discussed the committees need to present this proposal to an upcoming Council of Deans meeting. The deans then should determine how this proposal fits into their academic units needs. Dr. Appu Rathinavelu emphasized the possibility that the proposed plan may benefit some centers more than others, especially those centers that have established graduate centers.

Dr. Chenail discussed future plans for the FRS Committee and broke it down into three parts as follows:

1. Setting up a task force meeting with Dr. Hanbury between now and October.
2. Submitting the programs we talked about today to Dr. Chenail by email.
3. The other programs need to be set up and include long-term goals.

Dr. Chenail emphasized how this plan should help centers university wide. He stated, "This is our charge-we are the one and only committee assigned to do this task."

The committee discussed the merits of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Honor's Program and how it will attract good future students.

Dr. Leonard Levy stated the importance of bringing in qualified research faculty to implement the program to insure its future success.

3. President's Faculty Research Development Grant Update – Dr. Chenail

Letters are being distributed to faculty and deans encouraging faculty to submit their proposals for the PFRDG 2004/2005 competition. Dr. Chenail, Barbara Sterry, and Gina Peyton will be meeting with the faculty to answer any questions they may have. So far the group has met with the faculty from the College of Dental Medicine, University School, and College of Allied Health and Nursing.

There have been some new changes on the 2003/04 PFRDG website. Individual photos and abstracts have been added.
(www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facscholar/winners0304/index).

Dr. Chenail mentioned that the Quality of Life projects are being institutionalized. Dr. Kim Durham will be coming to speak to the FRS Committee in November. Her committee is in the process of creating a website.

4. University Strategic Planning Update – Dr. Ron Chenail

A series of meetings is scheduled this year. The goal is to come up with a final strategic plan.

5. Other Items of Discussion:

Center of Excellence Update

Dr. Appu Rathinavelu is one of the investigators for one of the three ten million dollar projects for the Center of Excellence in the State of Florida. NSU is partners with FAU, FIU, HarborBranch, and a branch of the Smithsonian Institute. The grand opening is scheduled September 23, 2003.

USGS

The local office has made a recommendation to the regional office to support the consortium proposal, which includes NSU, FAU, and UF. We should have a decision within one to two weeks.

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2003, 8:30 A.M. in the Horvitz Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom.

7. Adjournment