

## **Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development**

### **Approved Minutes**

**Date: October 15, 2003**

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

**Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom**

Present: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Ron Chenail (PRO), Mary Collins (FGSE&HS), Akintade Dare (HPD/CDM), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), Gary Gershman (FARQUHAR), Joe Grohman (LAW), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Ron Needleman (HUIZENGA), Barbara Packer (FGSE), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (OPT), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), Barbara Sterry (OGC), and Hamdesa Tusso (GHS&SS).

Absent: Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Arthur DeCarlo (HPD/COM), \*Dr. Ed Keith (OSC), Leonard Levy (COM), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/EXEC/OFCs.), Peggy Loewy-Wellisch (FIN.AID), David Loshin (OPT), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Appu Rathinavelu ((OPT), Kimberly Shaw (MSIECS), and Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM).

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**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 September 17, 2003  
The minutes of the September, 2003 meeting were approved.

Dr. Ron Chenail welcomed Joe Grohman from the Law Center who is replacing Billie Joe Kaufman on the FRS Committee.

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

Dr. Josephine Shallo-Hoffman spoke on behalf of the sub-committee. Dr. David Loshin has prepared a four-year budget for the report developed by the committee concerning tuition waivers for graduate students who have a stipend to study. It is an approximate \$800,000 budget for 4 years that will support approximately 60 students. \$10,000 had been allocated for advertising and \$10,000 for administration. Dr. Chenail mentioned that a business plan would be presented to the President.

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

Dr. Chenail, Barbara Sterry, and Gina Peyton have been meeting with the faculty from the different centers to talk about the PFRDG program. They expect to exceed the number of proposals they had from the previous year and will provide technical

assistance if needed.

Joy Benjamin, our Graduate Research Assistant, is in the process of contacting all the principal investigators from the first two years of the PFRDG to report on the work they've done (e.g., papers, presentations, and grants).

The President is waiting for the completion of Joy Benjamin's report on the funding of the first two years. Once this has been assessed, the president can ask the Board of Trustees for additional funds for the PFRDG account. The dollar total for awarded grants is over \$300,000.

The deans have submitted reviewer names for the 2004/2005 PFRDG. The next step will be to schedule a meeting to go over the process for evaluating the grant proposals.

Dr. Gary Gershman from the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences questioned whether proposals from the Humanities Department would fit into the general categories of the other departments when they are reviewed. Dr. Chenail stated that these are not rigid categories. He also mentioned that travel could be for the purpose of collecting data or to meet with a consultant.

#### 4. USGS Update

Dr. Chenail mentioned that we have a press release from the USGS informing the President that the University Consortium comprised of NSU, UF, and FAU has been selected for negotiations toward establishing the cooperative agreement for the Florida Interdisciplinary Science Center. We still have to negotiate with the Federal Government regarding the process, which involves the following two factors:

- Interim agreement whereby USGS will temporarily reside in space at University Park Plaza.
- Negotiation for the allocation of the 55,000-60,000 square feet of office space.

This will lead to the funding for an additional 300,000 square feet. Dr. Ron Chenail, Dr. George Hanbury, Dr. Fred Lippman and Dr. Dick Dodge recently met to discuss the general layout for the Center for Excellence.

Dr. Josephine Shallo-Hoffman asked questions about the Research Park. Dr. Chenail stated that this "Academical Village" would be a place where faculty and students could live and do research. He also talked about the economic impact that this will have on the region. The complex will generate high-tech, research and other jobs for South Florida, and generate millions of dollars in tax revenue.

University Park Plaza is presently being rezoned to accommodate the new buildings. A master plan is being formulated for the 300,000 square feet of acreage.

#### 5. Other Items of Discussion

Dr. Chenail discussed the announcement made by Governor Jeb Bush that Scripps Institute will be opening a branch of their Research Institute in Palm Beach County.

On November 6, 2003, there is a meeting of the National Science Foundation at FAU. There will be a workshop to discuss the funding of the project. Barbara Sterry will be getting additional information on this matter.

Dr. Chenail spoke on the Florida Lambda Rail project. This is a cooperative venture among leading public and private universities of Florida to build a high-speed communication network. The project will enable Florida Universities as well as other universities to communicate together in the National Lambda Rail project. Other businesses can also work on this project.

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2003.

7. Adjournment