

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Approved Minutes

Date: November 19, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

Present: Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs), Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), Andres Malave (HPD/COP), Ron Needleman (Huizenga/IRB), Barbara Packer (FGSEHS), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), and Barbara Sterry (OGC)

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), *Mary Collins (FGSEHS), *Gary Gershman (FAR), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), *Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), *Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), Ed Keith (OSC/IRB), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/Exec. Offices), Peggy Loewy Wellisch (Student Financial Services), *David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), 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 October 16, 2002

The minutes were approved unanimously without revisions. They can be found online at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facres/forms/facres101602.pdf>.

2. United States Geologic Survey Update

Dr. Chenail reported the consortium of NSU, the University of Florida, and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) made their presentation to the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) team on November 14, 2002. He reminded members the presentation was in response to an RFP from USGS regarding moving all of USGS' South Florida offices to one location. Initial reactions from the USGS team were quite positive. He also reported that we should hear something back from USGS before the end of the year as to next steps in the process.

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

Dr. Chenail gave a series of updates on the PFSA's.

a. Portal

This year reviewers will be able to submit their reviews online via a portal. The URL for the portal is http://www.nova.edu/cwis/draft/melisa/facscholar/proposal_rating.html and committee members were encouraged to visit the portal and give comments.

b. Reviewers

Dr. Chenail reported that 15 out of 16 academic units had submitted names for reviewers for this year's competition. As soon as the list was complete, Dr. Chenail will be sending letters to all reviewers thanking them for their volunteering and to alert them of the two workshops that were planned for them.

c. Research Project

Dr. Chenail reported that Ms. Barbara Sterry and Dr. Marianne Janssen had submitted a draft of the survey that will be used to learn more about faculty members' knowledge of the PFSA's and their reactions to the competition's guidelines.

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

Dr. Chenail reported the sub-committee had not met last month. He reported that another meeting would be scheduled this coming month.

5. Big Picture of Research at NSU

Committee members spoke on how the group can address the "big picture" of research at NSU. Members spoke about the uncertainty of the role research will play in the future of the university. Ms. Barbara Sterry distributed copies of the Office of Grants and Contracts 2001-2002 Report. The Committee discussed the report and how it showed the progress NSU had made over the last five years in terms the increase in total research dollars, proposals submitted, and awards secured.

Dr. Chenail discussed the idea of creating an annual report that helped the university to assess its research development. He also asked for volunteers to join a task force to make recommendations to the president on this topic.

6. Other Items of Discussion

a. Centers of Excellence

Dr. Chenail reported that the university was part of two proposals for Governor Bush's Centers of Excellence program (<http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/etc/>). One proposal, lead by FAU and Florida International University, focused on information technology. The other proposal concerned the development of medicine from the sea and was being lead by FAU. Proposals were due into the Governor's office on December 1, 2002. Up to three winners would be announced in June 2003.

b. Project Horizons II

Dr. Chenail announced that NSU had submitted a proposal to serve as the coordinating body for upcoming economic development visioning project for Broward County known as Project Horizons II. He reported that Project Horizons I had been conducted 16 years ago and the original project had been very successful in helping Broward County chart a successful course the last decade and a half. If NSU secures the new contract, we will host many of the information gathering activities such as focus groups at the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. A short-list will be announced some time the week of December 16, 2002 and the contract will be awarded by the end of the year.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2002

8. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM