

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Minutes

Date: November 21, 2001

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, Labonte Board Room

Present: Mary Collins (FGSE & HS), Billie Jo Kaufman (LAW), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), David Loshin (HPD/OPT), Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (HPD/OPT), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), Hamdesa Tusso (GSH & SS), Nathan Azrin (CPS), Marianne Janssen (HPD/CAH), Ronald Chenail (Academic Affairs)

Absent: Cleveland Clarke* (FGSE & HS), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), Barbara Sterry* (OGC), Ed Keith* (OSC/IRB), Laurie Dringus* (GSCIS), Gary Gershman* (FAR), Harvey Mayrovitz* (HPD/CMS), Ken Thigpen* (FAR), Appu Rathinavelu* (HPD/COP), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), Andres Malave* (HPD/COP), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), Fred Lippman (HPD/Exec. Offices), Joel Munson (I/A), Kimberly Shaw (FAM. CTR.), Peggy Loewy Wellisch* (Student Financial Services)

* 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.

- **Welcome and Introductions**

New members, Nathan Azrin from the Center for Psychological Studies and Keith Sherwood for the College of Dental Medicine, were introduced.

- **Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2001**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

- **Federal Grants to Support Students and Student Financial Aid Report - Peggy Loewy Wellisch**

Ms. Loewy Wellisch was unable to attend the meeting and will give her report at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

- **President's Faculty Scholarship Awards Update**

Dr. Chenail gave a status report of the two research projects on the Awards. Tom McFarland of the Office of Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs

has completed the preliminary results from the survey of NSU faculty. A draft of the report will be distributed at the next Committee meeting. Dr. Chenail reported the review of the faculty award winners' reports from year one of the Awards is nearing completion.

The Committee members discuss some possible changes to the Awards for 2002-2003. These possibilities included limiting the competition to new investigators, focusing on exploratory research and the gathering of pilot data, and focusing on research that will lead to outside funding. Members also discuss other ways the submissions can be evaluated. Lastly, members shared their views of inequity in the Awards. This concerned some centers having limited matching funds.

- **Sub-committee on Policies and Procedures**

A draft of the Policies and Procedures was distributed. Committee members are to send their comments back to Dr. Chenail. The revised draft will be distributed and reviewed at the December 18, 2001 meeting of the Committee. In addition, related articles, which may be included in the final draft of the handbook, will be distributed for committee members' review.

- **Sub-committee on Best Practices and Benchmarking**

The Committee briefly discussed some suggested ideas forwarded by the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will meet again to flesh out their recommendations to the full committee.

- **Other Items of Discussion:**

ExpertNet - Barbara Sterry

Dr. Chenail gave a brief presentation on ExpertNet (<http://expertnet.org/>), a Web-based network of applied research expertise in Florida's public universities. This network can provide university-based resources and expertise to assist users in practical solutions for government, business, and industry. Through the efforts of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF), ExpertNet has now extended an invitation to the independent schools of Florida to join the system. Dr. Chenail and Ms. Sterry will meet with President Ferrero to review the program and assess its value to NSU. An update on this meeting will be given at the December meeting of the Committee.

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 18, 2001**