

Committee on Faculty Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development

Minutes

Date: December 17, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Boardroom

Present: Ron Chenail (PRO), Mary Collins (FGSE), Gary Gershman (FCAS), Joe Grohman (LAW), Leonard Levy (HPD/COM), David Loshin (OPT), Ron Needleman (HUIZENGA), Barbara Packer (FGSE), Appu Rathinavelu (HPD/COP), Kimberly Shaw (MSIECS), and Josephine Shallo-Hoffman (OPT)

Absent: Nathan Azrin (CPS), Elizabeth Brennan (UNS), *Akintade Dare (HPD/CDM), Arthur DeCarlo (HPD/COM), *Laurie Dringus (GSCIS), * Bill Hardigan (HPD/COP), J. Preston Jones (HUIZENGA), *Ed Keith (OSC), Ed Lieblein (GSCIS), Fred Lippman (HPD/EXEC. OFCS.), *Peggy Loewy Wellisch (FIN.AID), Harvey Mayrovitz (HPD/CMS), Keith Sherwood (HPD/CDM), Mahmood Shivji (OSC), *Barbara Sterry (OGC), and Hamdesa Tusso (GHS&SS).

Guest: Kimberly Durham, Fischler and Quality of Life Council

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 November 18, 2003
The minutes of the November 18, 2003 meeting were approved and will be posted at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facres/forms/facres111803.pdf>
2. Quality of Life Program – Kimberly Durham

Dr. Durham presented an overview of the Quality of Life Council and the annual awards which started in the 2002-2003 academic year. Dr. Durham explained that the Quality of Life Council was started as a cooperative effort between NSU and the Coordinating Council of Broward with support from other agencies, schools, and organizations in the county. The Council members, consisting of NSU and community representatives, identified quality of life issues in Broward and challenged each other to develop and implement strategies to address these crucial problems. One strategy was to create the Quality of Life Awards which are \$10,000 grants to support community-based projects by NSU faculty and students. Two such grants were given in 2002-2003, one for Project W.I.N. (Women In Need) and one for the Healthy Kids Project. Project W.I.N., which was funded by NSU, focuses on helping homeless women to improve their abilities to function and focus on skills needed to reenter the workforce. Project W.I.N. has been nominated for

Governor Bush's prestigious Points of Light Award. The Health Kids Project, funded jointly by NSU and the Children's Services Council, addresses factors associated with childhood obesity through a systems-based approach. In addition to the initial \$10,000 grant, the Project has also received an additional \$150,000 in support of the work.

In addition to the grants, the Quality of Life Council has also helped a substance abuse clearinghouse to relocate to NSU and Broward County, bring together resources from the tri-county region. Also, the Council is preparing to launch a new curriculum in the school system to help teachers and students learn how to prevent child abuse. Dr. Collins suggested the Council work with some of the existing schools with which NSU currently collaborates.

Dr. Durham asked the Committee members for assistance with developing the criteria for submission and review of this year's Quality of Life Awards. Drs. Leonard Levy, Mary Collins, Kimberly Shaw, Josephine Shallo-Hoffman, and Barbara Packer volunteered to work on this project. The goal is to have the competition to coincide with the President's Faculty Research and Development Grants.

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

Dr. Chenail reported that a preliminary budget in support of the program has been created in the FY 05 budget. The sub-committee will be meeting with Dr. Hanbury on January 6 at 2:00.

4. President's Faculty Research and Development Grants Update – Ron Chenail

Dr. Chenail announced that the Grants were on schedule. Two trainings for reviewers were scheduled for January. He also noted that he and Drs. DeCarlo and Needleman, along with Ms. Sterry, had met to ensure the post-award approval process would be well-coordinated between the IRB and the HPD Research Committee and the group had also made some minor changes to the notifications letters that are sent to the winners.

5. Florida Lambda Rail (<http://www.flrnet.org>)

Dr. Chenail reported that NSU had been officially added to the Florida Lambda Rail (FLR) and "NSU" had been added to the logo on the FLR home page.

6. Other Items of Discussion:

Dr. Loshin raised concerns over two forms used with funded projects: Agreement for Grant Funded Position and Agreement for partial Grant Funded Position. He stated that faculty members were reluctant to sign the documents because the forms give the impression that faculty members serving on grants would not be able to return to their faculty positions after the grant dollars finished. Dr. Chenail said he would contact Ms. Sharon Fredda and ask her to attend the next meeting of the Committee. Dr. Chenail also added that he would be inviting Mr. Roger LaCasse upon his return from leave so the Committee can discuss some concerns regarding the NSU accounting system and grants. Dr. Chenail announced that President Ferrero had approved the

initiation of the processes needed for the NSU IRB to become accredited. He also announced that the president had approved NSU to become the IRB of record for the Palm Beach VA. He will also be reviewing a proposal to hire a consultant to assist with the accreditation process.

Dr. Chenail announced that he was just named as the Editor-Elect of the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, the flagship journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. The journal's offices would be moving to NSU from Texas Tech University in January 2005 to coincide with Dr. Chenail's assumption of the Editor's position.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2004 in the President's Dining Room

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am