

Faculty Advisory Council

February Minutes

Date: 14 February 2006

Time: 8:30 – 9:45

Place: Horovitz Building, President's Dining Room

Present: Donald Antonson (HPD/CDM), Melanie Crandall (HPD/OPT), Frank De Piano (Academic Affairs), Jan Faust (CPS), Stan Hannah (FSEHS), Michael Patterson (HPD/COM), Michael Reiter (FCAS), Ken Seger (HPD/OPT), Greg Simco (SCIS), Fran Tetunic (Law), Ines Velez (HPD/CDM), and Lenore Walker (CPS), Ling Wang (SCIS).

Absent: Robert Casady (HPD/CMS), Jonathan Coffman (HPD/MED), Morton Diamond (HPD/CAHN), Jean-Mathieu Essis* (SHSS), Sean Kennan (OC), Leanne Lai* (HPD/COP), Mike Masinter (Law), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Anne Rambo (SHSS), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), and Pan Yatrakis* (Huizenga).

* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

1. Corrections to 14 January Minutes

2. Faculty Club Update—Jan Faust, Lenore Walker, Ines Velez, Frank De Piano, and Fran Tetunic.

Dr. Jan Faust circulated a draft of the memo prepared for Dr. Hanbury. The memo summarized the findings about the policies, procedures, club structures, and best practices of Princeton, South Carolina, University of North Carolina, and the University of Maryland Faculty Clubs. Dr. Faust's memo was approved by the Council members.

Dr. De Piano summarized NSU's negotiations for Grand Oaks. If the university acquires Grand Oaks, it would double the size of the campus. Dr. De Piano also mentioned that, if acquired, Grand Oaks might be an excellent location for the Faculty Club.

3. Faculty Symposium—Lenore Walker, Frank De Piano, Jan Faust, Greg Simco, Ines Velez, Stan Hannah, and Fran Tetunic

Dr. De Piano announced that the President approved a \$15,000 budget for the Faculty Symposium. In addition to paying for the costs of hosting the regular symposia, the allocated funds will be used to bring in an external speaker as part of the President's Celebration of Excellence.

Dr. Velez reminded the council that Dr. Paul Bradley had agreed to present his discussion entitled, "The Neurophysiological Basis of Religion" for the September Faculty Symposia. Dr. Antonson mentioned that Dr. Bradley was a fascinating speaker. The council agreed that Dr. Bradley should be asked to speak at the September Symposium.

Dr. Walker agreed to work on scheduling a member of the FBI as the speaker for April. The speaker is an NSU alumnus who has expert knowledge of terrorism and counter-terrorism. Dr. Charles Messing has graciously offered to present a review of his research on coral reefs. His presentation is scheduled for May.

4. Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Since the deadline for submitting applications for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is 1 May, the faculty reviews need to be completed in the near future. FAC members were asked to serve as reviewers. A date and time for the review process will be set during the next FAC meeting.

5. Faculty Development—Frank De Piano, Stan Hannah, Greg Simco, Fran Tetunic, Ines Velez, Lenore Walker, and Michael Patterson

As an integral part of the Academic Review Process, Faculty Development remains the number one priority for the Faculty Advisory Committee. The council is pursuing ways in which the FAC can contribute to the university's faculty development efforts. Dr. Patterson suggested that the FAC might want to revisit the university's policies on faculty development. Greg Simco made a strong case for considering the role that new technology will play in future instruction.

At the end of the discussion on faculty development, Dr. De Piano emphasized that the council needed a strategic direction so that the council's efforts would have the maximum impact. The members decided that the next step was to establish a small group to consider ideas and programs. The membership of the committee included Michael Patterson, Lenore Walker, Greg Simco, and Fran Tetunic.

6. FAC Meeting Dates

14 March 2006

11 April 2006

9 May 2006

13 June 2006