

## **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Approved Minutes**

**Date: March 11, 2003**

**Time: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM**

**Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room**

**Present:** Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (CAH), Veljko Dragojlovic (OSC), Mark Glover (COP), Stan Hannah (FGSEHS), Marliese Hogan (FGSEHS), Cynthia Irvin (GHS&SS), Leanne Lai (COP), Michael Patterson (COM), Marlisa Santos (Farquhar), and Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

**Absent:** \*Donald Antonson (Dental Medicine), Robert Casady (MED), Jonathan Coffman (MED), \*Alexandra Espejo (Optometry), Jan Faust (CPS), \*Joshua Feingold (Farquhar), \*George Fornshell \*GSH&SS), Wendy Hupp (Dental Medicine), Mike Masinter (Law), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Ann Rambo (GHS&SS), and Lenore Walker (CPS), Mike Masinter (LAW), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Ann Rambo (GHS&SS), and Lenore Walker (CPS)

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**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council is to help further the mission of Nova Southeastern University by advising the administration of NSU about matters for the improvement of university programs and services. The primary goal of the Council is to enhance, protect, and maintain the intellectual integrity of the university through its academic programs. To this end, the Council serves as a forum to recommend new and innovative change; a platform to address academic issues and concerns; and a resource for conceiving, developing, and implementing new projects. The Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs chairs the Council. The Council meets monthly and consists of representatives from each academic center with the institution (11/00)

#### **1. Approval of February 12, 2003 Minutes**

The minutes were approved as amended.

#### **2. Scholars at Risk Program**

Cynthia Irvin from the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and a member of the Faculty Advisory Council discussed the Scholars at Risk Program. The SAR, which is based at the University of Chicago Center for Human Rights, promotes academic freedom and defends human rights of scholars worldwide.

Dr Irvin would like input as to whether or not NSU would like to participate in the SAR program. She stated that scholars who were denied academic freedom came from all disciplines.

The committee was concerned as to the legalities of not following NSU's guidelines on human resource issues, student issues, faculty issues, visa issues, housing, matching funds and in-kind tuition waivers.

Information about the SAR can be obtained on the following website:  
[www.scholarsatrisk.uchicago.edu](http://www.scholarsatrisk.uchicago.edu)

Dr. Irwin advised the committee to contact her if they need additional information for their academic centers.

Dr. Chenail talked about the China Task Force Committee that has been formed. NSU has been approached by the TOPEAK Corporation regarding teaching continuing education and nondegree programs in Beijing, China. NSU is looking into recruiting costs for the program, and whether to teach classes on location or online. The language problem was discussed along with the cost of the programs, networking, and recruiting problems.

### **3. Intellectual Property Task Force Committee**

Dr. Chenail discussed the following issues:

1. Copyright issues for online environment
2. Compliance Program
3. Trademarks, patents, trade secrets
4. Library electronic reserve system
5. Faculty
6. Liability coverage at NSU

Dr. Chenail recommended that the Task Force Committee have representatives from the academic centers.

### **4. Other Issues**

Dr. Chenail updated the Faculty Advisory Committee on the President's 4th Annual Faculty Scholarship Award progress. All entries must be submitted to the committee by March 31, 2003. Approximately 50 reviewers will begin the task of evaluating the proposals online. Four training meetings were scheduled for the applicants at different NSU locations. The award ceremony will be held at the Hull Auditorium in the HPD/Terry Building on May 21, 2003.

5. **Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.
6. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 9, 2003.