

# Faculty Advisory Council

## March Minutes

Date: 11 March 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), Morton Diamond (HPD/CAHN), Jan Faust (CPS), Stan Hannah (FSEHS), Ruth Nemire (HPD/COP), (Michael Patterson (HPD/COM), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Michael Reiter (FCAS), Greg Simco (SCIS), Fran Tetunic (Law), Ines Velez (HPD/CDM), Ling Wang (SCIS), Alexander Yankovsky (OSC), and Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga).

Absent: Robert Casady (HPD/CMS), Jonathan Coffman (HPD/MED), Jean-Mathieu Essis\* (SHSS), Sean Kennan (OC), Leanne Lai\* (HPD/COP), Mike Masinter (Law), Anne Rambo (SHSS), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), Ken Seger (HPD/OPT), and Lenore Walker (CPS),

\* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

1. Corrections to 14 February Minutes

2. Faculty Club & NSU Strategic Plan—Dr. George Hanbury

Since many of the decisions about the faculty club revolve around funding and the university's strategic plan, Dr. De Piano asked Dr. Hanbury to share some possible scenarios for the proposed faculty club. Dr. Hanbury noted that NSU now has 700 full-time faculty and over 2000 adjuncts. The success of the faculty club will depend in large part on the interest of the faculty. From the university's perspective, the key is to have an affordable faculty club that will meet the needs of the faculty and the university. Ideally, the faculty club will not only meet the needs of the faculty, but it will also serve as a community meeting place for faculty, alumni, students, and community members.

The costs of running the faculty club would be kept low by sharing facilities with the Rosenthal Cafeteria. The model for the faculty club would be similar to the Tower Club. The basic plan is to begin with a modest facility but leave opportunities for growth. Dr. Hanbury emphasized that the cost of the club will depend on faculty participation because the number of members will determine how the costs will be allocated.

Dr. Hanbury then showed the council members architectural models of the new center. The models clearly revealed how the faculty club would fit into the new center which uses “Harvard Square” as its concept. Most importantly, the center is not limited to serving NSU. Businessmen, faculty from local universities, community members, and researchers will be welcome to use the facilities of the center. The center will have research labs and a recreation area. In effect, this new center will be the seedbed for a research triangle in South Florida. Easy access to the center will be provided by a light rail transportation system.

The FAC will be given schematics and plans so that the members can come to an informed decision about the location and size of the faculty club. To gain a better idea of how many faculty members would be interested in becoming members of the faculty club, Dr. Jan Faust volunteered to send a survey to the faculty that would provide estimates of membership costs to the faculty.

During the following discussion Dr. Hanbury clarified how this innovative project would fit into NSU’s long-term goals. For a start, most universities the size of NSU have an endowment of between \$500 million and \$1 billion. As might be expected, a university founded as recently as NSU does not have an endowment of this size. A major purpose of this project is to increase NSU’s endowment. Dr. Hanbury stated that the cost of the project will be about \$500 million. Although the funds to complete this project will be borrowed, this debt will not have any impact on NSU’s debt or credit rating.

Dr. Fran Tetunic suggested that the council share this exciting information with the faculty. The council members agreed. Several council members were particularly interested in Dr. Hanbury’s comments about the “New Urbanism”—the creation of a high tech research center in South Florida. Such a center would stimulate the creation of high tech industries and jobs that would be a dramatic departure from South Florida’s traditional reliance on tourism and minimum wage jobs.

### 3. Faculty Symposium—Stan Hannah, and Fran Tetunic

Because of time limitations the discussion of the plans for expanding the faculty symposium were postponed until the April meeting.

### 4. Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship—Michael Reiter and Morton Diamond

Dr. Morton Diamond and Dr. Michael Reiter volunteered to serve as the reviewers of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

### 5. Faculty Development

Because of time limitations, the FAC’s role in faculty development will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 6. FAC Meeting Dates

11 April 2006

9 May 2006

13 June 2006