

Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: May 15, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (Allied Health), Veljko Dragojlovic (OC), Jan Faust (CPS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Stan Hannah (Fischler), Wendy Hupp (Dental Medicine), Leanne Lai (Pharmacy), Michael Patterson (COM), and Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

Absent: Absent: Vesna Beck (Fischler), *Robert Casady (Medical Sciences), Jonathan Coffman (Medical Sciences), *Joshua Feingold (Farquhar), *Tim Hottel (Dental Medicine), Mike Masinter (Law Center); *Rosalie Miller (Allied Health), Jose Rey (Pharmacy), *Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), *Anne Rambo (GSHSS), *Marlisa Santos (Farquhar), *Fran Tetunic (Law Center), James Thomas (OC), *Julie Tyler (Optometry), and Lenore Walker (CPS)

Guests: * Emailed to report scheduling conflict

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 within the institution. (11/00)

1. Approval of April 9, 2002 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously without revisions. The minutes have been posted on the FAC web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/facmins.html>.

2. Humana and Wellness Committee Update

Dr. Hannah gave his report on the Wellness Committee. The Wellness Committee is working on the development of a university-wide wellness program. Members are looking into the current program being offered by the North Broward Hospital District (NBSD). The MBHD program is focused on issues such as smoking cessation and cardiovascular health. Off-campus employees would not be eligible for the MBHD program. The NSU Health Professions Division is also working on a plan. Members of the Wellness Committee are looking for a broader/preventative-focused program for the

university.

FAC members suggested that the Committee find out whether or not participation in a wellness program would lead to savings on the current health care plan or would it be listed as a benefit only. Members also suggested the Wellness Committee look into group-style approaches since they have been shown to be effective in helping people make lifestyle changes.

The next step for the Committee is to work on developing a budget for the proposed program. The members are also conducting research on other good programs around the country.

Council members also suggested the exploration of flex hours for employees so they could actively participate in the wellness programs. Council members also suggested that the current NSU wellness program work on improving the marketing of its programs. The office does have a website (<http://www.rec.nova.edu/>), but members thought there was a need for more advertising of available services.

3. Bookstore Contract Update

Dr. Chenail reported that a decision had not been made regarding the bookstore contract. The finalists, Barnes & Noble, Follett, and Nova Books, all had made presentations before the committee. All three had been asked to revise their proposals to include a possible stand-alone store that would be located in the University Park Plaza property. This facility would supply books to students as well as be open to the public for direct sales. The university is waiting to receive these revised proposals.

4. Other Issues

a. Communication

FAC members raised concerns regarding the flow of information regarding the recent health care symposium entitled "A Glimpse of the Future of Health Care in America" that was hosted by on April 26 - 27, 2002, by the Health Professions Division. The members reported that the promotional signs and brochures were not very informative. Dr. Chenail said he would pass these concerns on to Vice Chancellor Lippman.

b. Travel Office

Council members wanted to know what changes could be expected with the travel office. Dr. Chenail said he would contact Dr. Hanbury to get an update for the next FAC meeting.

c. President's Faculty Scholarship Awards

Dr. Chenail reported that President Ray Ferrero approved the awarding of 19 President's Faculty Scholarship Awards for fiscal year 2002-2003. The awards, totaling \$89,719, were distributed to 46 faculty members from 12 academic units. Combined with the matching funds from the deans, the grand total of awards this year was \$179,438.

In the three-year history of the awards, 89 faculty members have shared \$341,984 in

financial support of research and scholarship at NSU. This year's winners will be honored at a ceremony to be held May 28, 2002 in the Hull Auditorium, located in the Terry Building at the Health Professions Division.

5. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2002, 8:30 A.M. in the Horvitz Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom