

Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: June 11, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (Allied Health), Jan Faust (CPS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Stan Hannah (Fischler), Tim Hottel (Dental Medicine), Marlisa Santos (Farquhar), Fran Tetunic (Law Center), and Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

Absent: Vesna Beck (Fischler), *Robert Casady (Medical Sciences), Jonathan Coffman (Medical Sciences), *Veljko Dragojlovic (OC), *Joshua Feingold (Farquhar), *Wendy Hupp (Dental Medicine), *Leanne Lai (Pharmacy), Mike Masinter (Law Center); Rosalie Miller (Allied Health), *Michael Patterson (COM), Jose Rey (Pharmacy), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), *Anne Rambo (GSHSS), James Thomas (OC), Julie Tyler (Optometry), and Lenore Walker (CPS)

* 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 May 15, 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

In response to the questions that were raised at the May 15 meeting, Dr. Chenail contacted Dr. Doug Buck for some updated information regarding Humana. Dr. Chenail shared Dr. Buck's responses:

a. When is the next meeting of the Wellness Committee?

They are in process of scheduling the next Wellness meeting, but they are having

difficulty with everyone's schedule. The next meeting is now slated for July.

b. When is the next meeting of the Insurance Committee?

The Health Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th.

c. If NSU adopts a new wellness plan, will positive results on the part of employees participating help to lower our insurance costs and/or will the program just be added to the lists of benefits employees will receive?

The intent of the wellness program is to hopefully translate into employees becoming healthier and thus reducing the "usage" of our insurance benefits thereby reducing our claims experience that is a significant factor in our renewal rates. The program "offerings" have not been fully developed so it is difficult to say specifically what will be the components. One component we are looking at is a case management approach that would be voluntary for employees. A case manager would be assigned to those employees who complete a health assessment and would work with the employee individually to improve their wellness. This is a program offered through North Broward Health District at a per employee cost.

d. Besides helping me with these questions, is there any other information, Humana or otherwise, you would like for me to share with the FAC?

Other information is that Holy Cross and Humana discussions are still occurring but no resolution on Holy Cross joining the network. A new Humana President is "in negotiations" with the CEO of Holy Cross. Humana is also in serious discussions with the Cleveland Clinic and are optimistic that they will join the network very soon.

After discussing these points of information, council members raised some additional issues:

a. Has the Wellness Committee consider the issues of confidentiality?

b. Would the new wellness program introduced by the College of Dental Medicine be made available for other faculty?

c. Given that the top five prescriptions are connected with the treatment of stress related symptoms, was the Wellness Committee considering adding meditation and yoga classes?

3. Bookstore Contract Update

The new bookstore contract had not been finalized. Dr. Chenail reported that the university was in negotiations with Barnes and Noble. Notification would be distributed upon closure of the negotiations.

4. Travel Office Update

Dr. Chenail reported that he had spoken with Dr. Hanbury regarding the university's assessment of the travel office. Dr. Hanbury stated that the university was still looking

into a number of scenarios regarding travel at the university. One approach had the university contracting out travel service, as is currently the situation. Another approach would have the university operating its own travel office. Another approach would be to utilize commercial sites such expedia.com or Orbitz.com and have employees book their own travel arrangements. Dr. Chenail said he would report back to the council when there is an update on travel.

5. Other Issues

No other issues were discussed

6. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

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