

Faculty Advisory Council

Draft Minutes

Date: 12 July 2005

Time: 8:30 – 9:45

Place: Horovitz Building, President's Dining Room

Present: Donald Antonson (HPD/CDM), Frank De Piano (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (HPD/CAHN), Veljko Dragojlovic (OSC), Joshua Feingold (FCAS), Stan Hannah (FSEHS), Wendy Hupp (HPD/CDM), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), Fran Tetunic (Law), and Lenore Walker (CPS).

Absent: Robert Casady (HPD/CMS), Jonathan Coffman (HPD/MED), Melanie Crandall (HPD/OPT), Alexandra Espejo (HPD/Optometry), Jean-Mathieu Essis (SHSS), Jan Faust* (CPS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Marliese Hogan (FSEHS), Leanne Lai (HPD/COP), Sean Kennan (OC), Mike Masinter (Law), Michael Patterson* (HPD/COM), Anne Rambo (SHSS), Ken Seger (HPD/OPT), and Pan Yatrakis* (Huizenga).

* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

1. Approval of 7 June Minutes

2. Scheduling of FAC Meeting Dates—Joshua Feingold, Veljko Dragojlovic, Wendy Hupp, and Stan Hannah

Dr. Feingold and Dr. Dragojlovic pointed out that the change to meeting on the second Tuesday of the month would make it impossible for members who taught Tuesday morning to attend. Under the old system in which the meetings alternated between Tuesday and Wednesday, there was a greater likelihood that the council member could attend at least alternate meetings.

After considerable discussion it was concluded that there was no elegant solution that would allow all council members to attend. One advantage of meeting on the second Tuesday of the month is that the fixed day and time would allow FAC members in the future to have enough lead time to arrange their teaching schedules.

3. Role of FAC in the Academic Review Process—Frank De Piano, Bob Preziosi, Don Antonson, Fran Tetunic, Veljko Dragojlovic, Joshua Feingold, and Wendy Hupp

The FAC reviewed the ARC forms that are being used to collect data about each program. After reviewing the ARC forms, the council concluded that the criteria used to collect data would give the FAC a solid foundation for comparing programs across the campus. Dr. Antonson noted that the FAC review would provide a means of presenting the faculty viewpoint on program and instructional quality to the President.

Although the academic centers have traditionally been decentralized, the FAC review would provide an opportunity to identify key trends that affect the quality of NSU's academic programs across the campus. Other members noted that quality education would not be cheap. In particular, Dr. Dragojlovic noted that budget concerns would require difficult compromises between class size, program revenue, and quality instruction.

4. Faculty Club Update—Wendy Hupp

The Faculty Club survey was mailed to full-time faculty members. The data collected from the surveys will be summarized at a future FAC meeting.

5. Location of FAC Meetings—Stan Hannah

The location of the FAC meeting has changed. The FAC is now meeting in the President's Dining Room. The President's Dining Room is next door to the La Bonte Boardroom.

6. FAC Meeting Dates for Academic Year 2005-2006

12 July 2005
 9 August 2005
 13 September 2005
 11 October 2005
 8 November 2005
 13 December 2005
 10 January 2006
 14 February 2006
 14 March 2006
 11 April 2006
 9 May 2006
 13 June 2006