

Faculty Advisory Council

August Minutes

Date: 9 August 2005

Time: 8:30 – 9:45

Place: Horovitz Building, President's Dining Room

Present:, Robert Casady (HPD/CMS), Melanie Crandall (HPD/OPT), Frank De Piano (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (HPD/CAHN), Jan Faust (CPS), Stan Hannah (FSEHS), Wendy Hupp (HPD/CDM), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), Ken Seger (HPD/OPT), Fran Tetunic (Law), and Lenore Walker (CPS).

Absent: Donald Antonson* (HPD/CDM), Jonathan Coffman (HPD/MED), Jean-Mathieu Essis (SHSS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Marliese Hogan (FSEHS), Leanne Lai (HPD/COP), Sean Kennan (OC), Mike Masinter (Law), Michael Patterson* (HPD/COM), Anne Rambo (SHSS), and Pan Yatrakis* (Huizenga).

* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

1. Approval of 12 July Minutes

2. Faculty Club Update—Jan Faust, Frank De Piano, Bob Preziosi, Morton Diamond, Melanie Crandall, and Wendy Hupp

Dr. Faust reported that the Faculty Survey results were positive; however, she added that the response rate was only 30%. Dr. De Piano then noted that we needed to act quickly to make sure that the Faculty Club was included in the planning for the Academical Village. The council members felt that it made sense for the Faculty Club to be located in or near the Academical Village. Dr. Hupp pointed out that travel time was a critical factor because the faculty had a limited time for lunch.

The council then discussed multiple options such as locating the Club in the Academical Village hotel, providing bus shuttles, partnerships with local entrepreneurs, and corporate sponsorship. The council recommended that all of the options be kept in play. Dr. De Piano offered to discuss the major options with Dr. Hanbury prior to the September meeting.

3. FAC Guidelines (Academic Review)—Frank De Piano, Wendy Hupp, Morton Diamond, Bob Preziosi, Lenore Walker, Ken Seger, and Stan Hannah

The final reports and recommendations of the Academic Review Committee have been completed for 21 programs. Since the 21 reviews contain a large amount of information, the council decided that the FAC should focus on major trends that appear across the campus. In addition, the council's report to the President should identify high-priority issues that will have a major impact on academic excellence. In any case, the key is to maximize the return on the resources invested in improving NSU's academic programs.

To accomplish this goal, Dr. De Piano suggested that the council might want to look at key indicators of program quality: the faculty and the students. Dr. Walker mentioned that the council might want to look at ways of recruiting highly qualified students. Dr. Preziosi noted that student and faculty recruitment plans needed to be integrated into the university's long-term plan for achieving academic pre-eminence. Of course, academic excellence is not cheap. Dr. Seger pointed out that excellence cannot be achieved without a significant investment in faculty time and effort.

The council concluded by discussing possible methods of analyzing the findings of the Academic Review Committee. Given the large amount of data available, the council needed to develop procedures for making the analysis as accurate and efficient as possible.

4. Recognition of Faculty Achievement—Stan Hannah and Frank De Piano

The council agreed that the Alvin Sherman Library would be a logical place to display faculty accomplishments. Stan Hannah agreed to discuss ways of highlighting faculty achievements with Nora Quinlan and Harriet MacDougall. In addition, the council agreed that faculty achievements should also be displayed in the Horvitz Building.

5. Library Materials for Faculty—Lenore Walker

Dr. Walker suggested that the FAC might investigate the possibility of providing lockers for the faculty in the Alvin Sherman Library. The availability of lockers, PCs, and Internet access would be a boon to researchers.

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

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