

Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: September 9, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Robert Casady (MED), Morton Diamond (CAH), Alexandra Espejo (Optometry), Jan Faust (CPS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Mark Glover (COP), Cynthia Irvin (SHSS), Bob Prezioski (HUIZENGA), Ken Seger (Optometry), Fran Tetunic (LAW), Lenore Walker (CPS)

Absent: *Donald Antonson (Dental Medicine), Jonathan Coffman (MED), *Veljko Dragojlovic (OSC), *Joshua Feingold (FARQUHAR), Stan Hannah (FGSE&HS), Marliese Hogan ((FGSE&HS), Wendy Hupp (CDM), *Leanne Lai (COP), Mike Masinter (LAW), Michael Patterson (COM), Anne Rambo (GHS&SS), Marlisa Santos (FARQUHAR), and *Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

* 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 June 11, 2003 Minutes as amended

The Minutes were approved unanimously

2. Dr. Chenail announced the passing of colleague, Paul Joseph, from the Law Center and elaborated his contributions to the university.

Dr. Chenail mentioned that the university would have a "Hope Not Hate" event sometime on or after 9/11.

3. Strategic Planning Update – Dr. Chenail

At the last meeting a report on Strategic Planning was put together by the Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs group. President Ray Ferrero, Jr., Dr. George Hanbury, Dr. Ron Chenail, Dr. Dian Moorhouse and Dr. John Losak attended the meeting.

The group discussed involving university staff and students that didn't have a chance to participate in the retreats held last spring. In the last meeting of

the Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs group they put together a report on strategic planning (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/urp/pdfs/03-11EntireReport.pdf>). The proposed plan's format will include mission/vision, value foundations to growth and independence, and planning priorities.

Dr. Chenail discussed the topic of strategic planning. He stressed the fact that many universities are using shorter presentations of strategic management. He will be passing out at a later time such a draft presentation of the NSU plan, which will include the priorities of the trustees. These priorities will include information and ideas received from the deans at the retreat. He then discussed the major points and projects that will be included in the plan draft. The proposed plan will include:

- 1) Enriching and diversifying all academic offerings.
- 2) A business plan to include "Operational Efficiencies".
- 3) Insuring financial integrity and efficiency.
- 4) Expanding fund raising.
- 5) Enhancing levels of student satisfaction.
- 6) Enhancing student engagement throughout the university.
- 7) Enhancing research and scholarship.

The Faculty Advisory Council will have the opportunity to review the draft plan. Once the revised plan is received it will be presented to the president.

4. Plagiarism Task Force Update – Dr. Ron Chenail

Dr. Chenail stated that he presented the report from the Plagiarism Task Force Committee to the President. The president acted favorably to the recommendations.

The projects that are commencing from the report are:

- 1) Working with the library
- 2) Project on plagiarism
- 3) Reviewing policy and procedures at different schools
- 4) Preparing a priority database

5. Academic Program Review – Dr. Ron Chenail

What we are looking for is a way to create a more substantive review of academic programs. We will also include outside review of each program. Some new programs are in the process of being reviewed by Dr. Frank DePiano as part of the program's pilot project.

6. President's Faculty Research and Development Grants – Dr. Ron Chenail

This year Dr. Ron Chenail, Ms. Barbara Sterry, and Ms. Gina Peyton will be coming to department faculty meetings to give a brief presentation to promote and answer questions on the overall process on applying for the PFRDG.

This year the President has asked the committee to be more diligent in reviewing collaboration.

Another competition will be "The Quality of Life Project". This project will be working with the Broward Community to improve quality of life in the county. Dr. Kim Durham and her group from the Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services are working on the setting up of an online website for their Quality of Life Project. This will be another source of obtaining funds not only from a scholarly benefit but also a community benefit.

7. **Other:**

Dr. Chenail distributed copies of the Florida Trend June 2003 magazine featuring NSU on page 23. This Academical Village will be a development activity located mainly on the western part of the campus. The village will house many "centers of excellence" in a variety of academic fields, including the recently announced collaborative effort between NSU, UF, and FAU.

Dr. Chenail stated new procedures on ordering parking decals will be discussed today at the Council of Dean's meeting. We're on hold for ticketing cars at the present time because new parking stickers are not in as yet.

Dr. Chenail mentioned that he would be inviting Dr. Norma Goonen and Dr. Don Rosenblum to speak at a future Faculty Advisory Council meeting to discuss the activities involving the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Honor's Program.

Dr. Lenore Walker brought up the issue as to what NSU is doing regarding the Patriot Act and its impact on our library accesses. Dr. Chenail will bring up the issues discussed with Dr. Don Riggs.

Fran Tetunic asked for an update on the distribution and location of defibrillators in the different buildings throughout the university. Dr. Chenail will check with Dr. George Hanbury.

Another issue presented was having wheel chairs accessible in the buildings should there be an injury. Dr. Chenail said he would discuss this with public safety and find out what the policy is.

Discussion followed on Section 508 Compliance and the web page. Dr. Chenail will ask Ginny McLain from OIT for an update.

8. **Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the LaBonte Board Room of the Horvitz Administration Building.