

Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: September 11, 2001

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, Labonte Board Room

Present: Jonathan Coffman (Medical Science); Veljko Dragojlovic and Jim Thomas (OC); Barry Duncan (GSHSS); Stan Hannah (Fischler); Timothy Hottel and Wendy Hupp (Dental Medicine); Rosalie Miller (Allied Health); Bob Preziosi (Huizenga); Fran Tetunic (Law); Julie A. Tyler (Optometry)

Absent: Verna Beck (Fischler); Robert Casady (Medical Sciences); Jim Dean and Joshua Feingold (Farquhar); Morton Diamond (Allied Health); George Fornshell* (GSCIS); Charles Golden and Edward Simco (CPS); Leanne Lai* and Jose Rey (Pharmacy); Mike Masinter (Law); Michael Patterson* (Osteopathic Medicine); Pan Yatrakis* (Huizenga)

* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

1. Introductions

We have two new members on the FAC: Michael Patterson from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Julie Tyler from the College of Optometry. Members were also asked to update their information listed on the FAC web site (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/fac>).

2. Policies and Procedures for FAC

The council members discussed the development of policies and procedures for the Council. There had been some recent questions regarding the process of appointing Council members. Dr. Preziosi said that originally, faculty served two-year terms that could be renewed. As far as who makes the appointment, we polled the members in attendance and some members were appointed by their dean, some were members by virtue of their holding a chair position on their unit's faculty advisory organization, and some were appointed by the unit's faculty. The Council also discussed whether or not unit representatives should be working full-time as faculty. Some current members of the Council hold administrative positions along with their faculty appointments.

Dr. Thomas suggested that we include the Council's purpose on every meeting's agenda and Dr. Chenail agreed to that. The new purpose statement was also added to the web page.

3. Revised 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)

Dr. Chenail will research the archives of the Council to see what if any policies exist and present his findings at the next meeting.

4. Other Issues

Faculty Load Form

Dr. Hannah reported that faculty members in his school had questions about the new faculty load forms that were being required for the Banner system. A number of other Council representatives raised issues regarding faculty loads and noted that various organizations like the American Association for University Professors (<http://www.aaup.org>) had reports on this topic. Dr. Chenail said he would contact Dr. George Hanbury, Executive Vice President for Administration, for clarification on the forms and report back to the Council.

Post-Award Processes for Grants

A couple of Council members raised some issues regarding the complexity of the post-award accounting system at NSU and the difficulties that created in their administration of their grants. Dr. Chenail agreed to speak with Mr. Roger LaCasse in Finance about the issue and will report back to the Council.

Health Care Insurance Update

At the June 2001 meeting of the Council, representatives from Human Resources spoke about upcoming changes with the University's insurance policy. Council members asked for an update. Dr. Chenail said he would contact Ms. Sharon Fredda and Dr. Doug Buck for information to distribute to Council members.

New Articles on Online Education

Dr. Thomas reported that in the August 31, 2001 issue of Science Magazine (www.sciencemag.org), there is a special report on undergraduate education, including one article on online education.

5. Adjournment

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2001, 8:30 A.M. in the Horvitz Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom