

# Faculty Advisory Council

## September Minutes

Date: 9 August 2005

Time: 8:30 – 9:45

Place: Horovitz Building, President's Dining Room

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Present: Donald Antonson (HPD/CDM), Frank De Piano (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (HPD/CAHN), Jan Faust (CPS), Stan Hannah (FSEHS), Wendy Hupp (HPD/CDM), Michael Patterson (HPD/COM), Ken Seger (HPD/OPT), Fran Tetunic (Law), and Lenore Walker (CPS).

Absent: Robert Casady (HPD/CMS), Melanie Crandall (HPD/OPT) Jonathan Coffman (HPD/MED), Jean-Mathieu Essis (SHSS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Marliese Hogan (FSEHS), Leanne Lai (HPD/COP), Sean Kennan (OC), Mike Masinter (Law), Bob Preziosi\* (Huizenga), Anne Rambo (SHSS), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), and Pan Yatrakis\* (Huizenga).

\* Emailed to report scheduling conflict

### 1. Approval of 9 August Minutes

### 2. Faculty Club Update—Jan Faust, Frank De Piano, Morton Diamond, and Michael Patterson

Dr. Faust noted that 85 percent of the faculty who responded to the Faculty Club survey indicated that they would be interested in a Faculty Club. Dr. De Piano spoke with Dr. Hanbury who was very positive about reserving space for the Faculty Club. Dr. Hanbury also recommended that the focus should remain on the purposes and potential uses of the Faculty Club rather than the detailed cost estimates of the proposed Faculty Club. In particular, the FAC was asked to obtain information from three or four universities on the following:

- the general types of use;
- types of faculty usage;
- the administration of the club;
- the square footage of the club;
- the services offered by the club.

In addition, Dr. Hanbury requested that the FAC prepare a short paper on the purpose of the Faculty Club. Dr. Faust offered to provide an outline for faculty club interviews that would identify best practices and innovative ideas.

Dr. De Piano mentioned that the university might want to consider a partnership with an entrepreneur who would be responsible for running the club in a business like manner. Dr. De Piano concluded by stating that Dr. Hanbury was very supportive of the proposed Faculty Club. Dr. Diamond suggested that a cooperative agreement with the hotel in the Academical Village might offer some interesting possibilities. Dr. Patterson was interested in the timeline for reserving space for the Faculty Club. Dr. De Piano stated that the deadline, at this time, was still relatively flexible.

### 3. FAC Website—Melisa Hagerty, Michael Patterson, Morton Diamond, Lenore Walker

Melisa Hagerty demonstrated the revised web pages for the FAC website. Ms. Hagerty also emphasized that the site could be easily changed to meet the needs of the FAC. Dr. Walker mentioned that the website might be a good location to link to other FAC projects such as the current discussion of the Patriot's Act. Dr. Diamond and Dr. Patterson suggested that the site should also be used to email the faculty about major events, key issues, or current projects. The members agreed that the FAC website needed to be used more aggressively to involve the entire faculty. It was also suggested that we use faculty-wide mailings to highlight special events such as the Faculty Symposium.

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

Dr. De Piano will ask the academic centers to send in a list of faculty accomplishments and achievements. Stan Hannah met with Harriet MacDougall, who stated that the Alvin Sherman Library would be happy to set up a display.

### 5. Academic Research—Frank De Piano, Morton Diamond, Don Antonson, and Lenore Walker

Dr. De Piano handed out a summary of the ratings from the 21 programs that have been reviewed. The summary sparked considerable interest. Dr. Diamond, for instance, was interested in how the administrators and faculty responded to inadequate ratings. Dr. De Piano explained the procedure and emphasized that one of the major purposes of the Academic Review was to stimulate conversation about ways of improving the academic quality of the programs. He also stressed that the FAC's goal was to look at the Academic Review reports from the perspective of the entire campus and not individual programs. In short, the FAC's responsibility is to provide faculty perspective on

the President's strategic plan to achieve academic excellence. Since the FAC's Report to the President is due in November, the council decided to devote most of the October and November meetings to analyzing the data and developing recommendations for the President.

Dr. Walker and Dr. Antonson also noted that academic excellence would require budgetary support. In particular, NSU needed to expand its labs and clinics so that researchers would have adequate facilities. The need for lab space was especially critical for faculty working on grant proposals. It was also noted that recognition of faculty achievements should be an important part of any plan designed to improve academic quality. Other areas such as faculty and student recruitment, entrance standards, and technology support were also considered to be essential elements in the long-term plan to achieve academic excellence.

#### 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