

Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Date: October 8, 2003

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (CAHN), Alexandra Espejo (Optometry), George Fornshell (GSCIS), Mark Glover (COP), Stan Hannah (FGSE), Wendy Hupp (CDM), Leanne Lai (COP), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), Ken Seger (OPT), Fran Tetunic (LAW), and Lenore Walker (CPS).

Absent: *Donald Antonson (CDM), Robert Casady (CMS), Jonathan Coffman (MED), Veljko Dragojlovic (OSC), Jan Faust (CPS), Joshua Feingold (FCAS), Marliese Hogan ((FGSE&HS), Cynthia Irvin (GSHSS), Mike Masinter (LAW), Michael Patterson (COM), *Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Anne Rambo (HS&SS), 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 September 9, 2003 Minutes**

The Minutes were approved as amended

2. **Issues Update**

Dr. Chenail reported on a meeting he had with Dr. Don Riggs. They are working on a policy proposal whereby it will be mandatory for students to submit their dissertations to digital dissertations UMI.

Dr. Don Riggs and Ms. Harriet McDougal from the Library have been invited to the Faculty Advisory Council on November 11, 2003 to update the committee on the Patriot Act. Faculty members have expressed concerns that we may be putting our students at risk with assignments. Committee members expressed a need for a strategic plan that will concentrate on the awareness issue.

Dr. George Fornshell requested an update on the University's Health Insurance Program. Sharon Fredda has been invited to speak to the Faculty Advisory Council on November 11, 2003.

Fran Tetunic questioned when the Law Center would be getting their defibrillator. Dr. Chenail will speak with John Santulli on the issues discussed at the Faculty Advisory Council, which included the following:

- Scheduling
- Training Program
- Marketing/Public Awareness
- Bookstore Update – Dr. Ron Chenail

The bookstore has contacted Dr. Chenail regarding the formation of a Faculty Advisory Group. Dr. Chenail is thinking about asking the deans to select faculty representatives or to make this a sub-committee of the Faculty Advisory Council. Some of the responsibilities of this committee would be to suggest new things to do with the bookstore, products etc.

Barnes & Noble will be relocating at the University Park Plaza and will build a big multi story superstore sometime after the first of the New Year.

3. USGS Announcement – Dr. Ron Chenail

On October 7, 2003 the USGS Consortium comprised of NSU, UF, & FAU was selected in a Cooperative Agreement, which will house the Florida Interdisciplinary Science Center at University Park Plaza. The master plan will include the leasing of 60,000 square feet of office space. Dr. Chenail also discussed how this project falls into the category of Economic Development and Work Force Development.

4. Intellectual Policies (Copyright and Patents) Update – Dr. Ron Chenail

Dr. Chenail and Joel Berman are in the process of updating a draft document. A task force committee will then be set up which will involve faculty to work on the copyright and patent area. Once the document is prepared the recommendations will be presented to the President.

5. Plagiarism Task Force Update – Dr. Ron Chenail

Dr. Ron Chenail, Joel Berman, Dr. Don Rosenblum, and Greg Horne are working with Turniton.com collecting data on the plagiarism problem. Dr. Chenail discussed the fact that plagiarism is not just a high school or college problem. It is also a problem on the dissertation level for PhD's.

6. Other Issues:

Dr. Lenore Walker mentioned that on October 23, 2003, a number of her students will be involved in a fundraiser event on Domestic Violence. This event will be held on campus at the Flight Deck at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged the FAC Committee members to attend.

Dr. Stan Hannah discussed the Quality of Life Project.

Dr. Ron Chenail, Barbara Sterry, and Gina Peyton are attending scheduled faculty meetings to discuss the President's Faculty Research Development Grant (PFRDG). Deadline date for submission is April 2, 2004. The deans are

in the process of nominating reviewers from their centers.

President Ferrero is evaluating the PFRDG budget and will recommend an increase to the Board of Trustees.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.
8. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 11, 2003, 8:30 A.M., in the Horvitz Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom.