

## Faculty Advisory Council

### Minutes

**Date: November 11, 2003**

**Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room**

**Present:** Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Morton Diamond (CAHN), Veljko Dragojlovic (OSC), Mark Glover (COP), Stan Hannah (FGSE), Wendy Hupp (CDM), Leanne Lai (COP), \*George Fornshell (GSCIS), Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Marlisa Santos (FCAS), Fran Tetunic (LAW), and Lenore Walker (CPS).

**Absent:** Donald Antonson (CDM), Robert Casady (CMS), Jonathan Coffman (MED), Alexandra Espejo (Optometry), Jan Faust (CPS), Joshua Feingold (FCAS), \*George Fornshell (GSCIS), \*Marliese Hogan ((FGSE&HS), Cynthia Irvin (GSHSS), Mike Masinter (LAW), \*Michael Patterson (COM), Anne Rambo (GHS&SS), Ken Seger (OPT), and \*Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

**Guests:** Sharon Fredda (OHR), Kellie Murphy-Tolo (OHR), Dr. Don Riggs (SLRITC), and Harriett MacDougall (SLRITC).

**\* Emailed to report scheduling conflict**

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**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 October 8, 2003 Minutes**

The Minutes were approved as amended

#### **2. NSU Insurance Update – Sharon Fredda and Kellie Murphy-Tolo**

The Office of Human Resources announced the kicking off of ICUBA's mini-enrollment plan. The plan consists of the VALIC (403(b) retirement annuity program, VisionCare vision plan, Prepaid Legal Services, and AFLAC (additional life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer protection plans).

ICUBA Consortium started January 1, 2003 and the state approved our plan with Cigna April 1, 2003.

NSU's open enrollment this year has been extended to April 1, 2004.

#### **3. Patriot Act – Dr. Don Riggs and Harriett MacDougal**

The FAC mentioned two issues of concern regarding the Patriot Act.

- The impact this issue could have on academic freedom for NSU students and faculty.
- Do we go on record as a group to speak with President Ray Ferrero, Jr., on our concerns?

Dr. Don Riggs explained that Librarians tend to fight for privacy and as of now NSU has had no FBI inquiries. If the FBI did come to the SLRITC they would request the following information:

- 1) What books individuals are checking out?
- 2) What books faculty/students check out (SLRITC does not keep these records).
- 3) Based on the copyright law the Inter Library Loan request must be kept for 5 years.
- 4) Any grant program could be liable for some kind of investigation.

Discussion took place on how to inform the faculty about the Patriot Act. Dr. Riggs mentioned that it would be helpful for Librarians to host educational seminars, which would inform the faculty as to what the Patriot Act is all about.

Dr. Chenail suggested the possibility of having IZONE create an online course or seminar for faculty to make them aware of the Patriot Act and to develop an instructor package for NSU faculty.

Harriett MacDougall mentioned that the American Library Association has established all sorts of links as a guideline for gathering instructional information.

Dr. Chenail suggested that the Faculty Advisory Committee put together a small task force to come up with a strategic plan. He suggested the committee be made up of someone from the Library and OIT as well as Joel Berman. Dr. Leonore Walker from CPS, and Dr. Morton Diamond from CAHN asked to be on the task force. An email will be sent to the FAC members asking for volunteers to be on this task force.

#### **4. Other Issues:**

##### Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Dr. Veljko Dragojlovic from the Oceanographic Center and Dr. Marlisa Santos from the FCAS discussed problems that faculty and students are experiencing with the Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

- One of the problems is when a faculty member uses a (custom made) book for only one term and the publisher doesn't want to take back unused copies.
- Not ordering enough copies of textbooks each term.

Dr. Chenail will contact our bookstore liaison, Chris Ott, and the Store Manager of Barnes & Noble, Meaghan Connolly, about presenting these issues at a future meeting.

Presidents Faculty Research Development Grant – update:

Dr. Chenail and Barbara Sterry are in the process of updating the PFRDG web site based on faculty questions/comments at the technical assistance meetings they attended.

You can now go to the website and see the forms used by the reviewers and the updated proposal information.

Also mentioned was the possibility of eliminating the 5 points for collaboration.

UPP North Scanner Installation:

Dr. Leanne Lai questioned when the side door at UPP North would have a scanner installed. John Santulli will be contacted as to its date of completion. Also, John Santulli will be asked for an update as to when all the defibrillators will be scheduled for set up in the buildings around the campus.

USGS Update:

Dr. Chenail gave an update on the USGS (Academical Village). Dr. Dick Dodge is putting together a concept paper.

5. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.
6. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 8:30 A.M., in the Horvitz Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom.