

Faculty Advisory Council

Approved Minutes

Date: November 12, 2002

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Place: Horvitz Building, LaBonte Board Room

Present: Ron Chenail (Academic Affairs), Veljko Dragojlovic (OC), Alexandra Espejo (Optometry), Joshua Feingold (Farquhar), Stan Hannah (Fischler), Michael Patterson (COM), Marlisa Santos (Farquhar), Fran Tetunic (Law Center), Lenore Walker (CPS) and Pan Yatrakis (Huizenga)

Absent: Donald Antonson (Dental Medicine), Robert Casady (Medical Sciences), Jonathan Coffman (Medical Sciences), Morton Diamond (Allied Health), Jan Faust (CPS), George Fornshell (GSCIS), *Mark Glover (Pharmacy), *Wendy Hupp (Dental Medicine), *Leanne Lai (Pharmacy), Mike Masinter (Law Center), *Bob Preziosi (Huizenga), Anne Rambo (GSHSS), and Julie Tyler (Optometry)

Guest: Greg Horne and Joel Berman

* 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 October 9, 2002 Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously without revisions. They can be found online at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/vpaa/fac/fac100902.html>.

2. Plagiarism Software – Joel Berman and Greg Horne

Joel Berman, Vice President for Legal Affairs, and Greg Horne, Director of Educational Technology Systems and Services, joined the Council to discuss a number of issues surrounding plagiarism at NSU. They gave a brief history on the university's attempts to contract with turnitin.com, producers of the "world's leading plagiarism prevention system."

Mr. Horne relayed how a sub-committee of the Academic Computing Committee had explored a number of software solutions to help faculty members with suspected

plagiarized assignments. The group had recommended turnitin.com, but Mr. Berman had raised concerns regarding the storage of NSU students' papers on the turnitin.com website. He felt that was a violation of students' privacy and copyright. When similar concerns were raised in an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, the university stopped their negotiations with turnitin.com. As another option, Mr. Berman suggested that students could be allowed to "opt in" or "opt out" if software like turnitin.com was used.

Council members from Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences discussed efforts that were under way in their school regarding plagiarism. Their writing center has developed a packet on plagiarism, they post warnings in all of their syllabi, and they review allegations of plagiarism through their Honor Court.

Members from the other schools shared observations from their respective units on the topic. One member spoke about the possible misuse of the withdrawal policy if students discovered that their plagiarized paper was discovered.

Council members recommended that the Academic Computing Committee re-explore software solutions for NSU. They also suggested re-contacting turnitin.com to see if there could be options other than storing the NSU students' papers on the turnitin.com database. Dr. Chenail said he would discuss these possibilities with Mr. Berman and Mr. Horne. He also said the university was looking into plagiarism policies across the various academic units to see what variations there are and to also learn how the various schools educate their students on proper citation of sources.

3. Posthumous Degree Policy Draft

Dr. Chenail distributed a draft copy of the university's proposed policy on a Posthumous Degree Policy. He reported that Elaine Poff, University Registrar, was working with him on the draft. Dr. Chenail asked that Council members share their comments on the draft.

4. Humana and Wellness Committee Update

In response to tremendous increases in health insurance costs, Dr. Chenail reported that the university was continuing its review concerning the creation of a consortium of Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. This new group would provide insurance coverage for its employees and would contract with CIGNA in order to use their network of providers. The university was also continuing its negotiations with Humana. Dr. Chenail reported that President Ferrero would keep the NSU employees informed on the process.

5. Other Issues: University Center

Dr. Chenail reported that the university had hired the architectural services of Canon Design to plan the university center. The proposed center would house NSU's athletic, wellness, and extracurricular facilities. The site would also have academic resources too.

6. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2002, 8:30 A.M. in the Horvitz

Administration Building's LaBonte Boardroom