

**University Research Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**November 4, 2015**

**Present:** Susan Beck, Henry Cathey, Heejung Chun, Sam Fernald, Kathryn Hanley, Frances Nedjat-Haiem, Mihai Niculescu, Manoj Shukla, Karin Wiburg

**Absent:** Jeffrey Arterburn, Jamie Bronstein, Vimal Chaitanya, Maria Gurrola, Stephen Hanson, Cathy Kinzer, Clint Loest, Hongmei Luo, Julie Rice, Mingjun Wei

**Guest:** Sudha Murthy

1. Draft Minutes for October 7, 2015

Minutes were approved as presented.

2. Open Access to Data update – Sudha Murthy

Sudha Murthy in the Office of Research Development (ORD) told URC that the 4.0 version of the Grants and Research Information Database (GRID) will be available this week for use to find information about funding opportunities. Faculty and staff can enroll in the GRID at [grid.research.nmsu.edu](http://grid.research.nmsu.edu). If there are questions, please contact ORD at [ord@research.nmsu.edu](mailto:ord@research.nmsu.edu) or call Dr. Murthy at 646-9279. She also provided a presentation titled “Public Access of Federally Funded Research and Data Management Plans” (see attached presentation for record). An overview was provided along with a summary of requirements and NMSU’s efforts so far. She suggested repository options for NMSU and what the APLU and AAAS are recommending for policy options. A faculty training workshop is tentatively planned for the week of January 25 – 29. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

3. URC Fair Poster Award Recipients

Tied for first place was “*Lycopene Counters Fecundity Reduction in An. Gambiae due to Paraquat Induced Oxidative Stress*” by Cody Champion, and “*Prolonged Prometaphase Arrest Induces Centriole Disengagement and Centrosome Fragmentation in Cultured Human Cells*” by Brad Shuster. Second place went to “*Methods for Computing the Properties of Atoms in Materials*” by Thomas Manz.

4. Enhancing Inclusiveness and Revised Rubrics for URC Fair

Discussion among URC members included having a “lightening talk” session at the fair for humanities or soft sciences, the judges having access to the posters in advance or perhaps electronically, rubric should include an impact area, and any member attending other poster sessions should bring back rubrics for samples to work from at a future date.

5. Outlook Invitation to URC Meetings

It was requested that URC meeting invitations be sent via Outlook so members’ calendars are populated automatically with the meetings and an advance notification of two to three days given.