

**University Research Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**March 8, 2016**

**Present:** Heejung Chun, Sam Fernald, Kathryn Hanley, Michael Hyman, Tom King (Henry Cathey), Mihai Niculescu, Manoj Shukla, Karin Wiburg

**Absent:** Jeffrey Arterburn, Susan Beck, Jamie Bronstein, Vimal Chaitanya, Maria Gurrola, Stephen Hanson, Clint Loest, Hongmei Luo, Frances Nedjat-Haiem, Julie Rice, Mingjun Wei

**Guest:** Norma Palomino

1. Approval of Draft Minutes for February 9, 2016

Minutes were approved as presented with note that the Chair Elect vote will not take place at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting but rather at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. URC Award for Exceptional Achievements in Creative Scholarly

Michael Hyman, Mihai Niculescu, Manoj Shukla and Heejun Chun volunteered to serve on the review panel. After receiving the nominee packets, they will rank order them and meet to discuss and determine who will be selected to receive this award. Packets are due in the VPR office no later than Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The panel will meet two to three weeks later.

3. URC Chair Elect

Extending the URC Chair term to two years instead of one was discussed. Chair Hanley said the URC policy doesn't say that the term cannot be made longer. However for this meeting she asked that a Nominating Committee be formed. Sam Fernald volunteered and Chair Hanley asked members to consider serving on the committee; however if they want to be considered for the Chair position – which is a minimum three-year commitment, they should not volunteer for the committee. She asked members to respond via email to Sam Fernald and copy her.

4. Graduate Student Individual Development Plan Website

Assistant Dean Norma Palomino from the Graduate School presented their new website on the graduate student individual development plan. Chair Hanley suggested it was a good start but not complete. Ms. Palomino was asked to make the site a richer resource before making it public; however she indicated that they needed a web design person to take it further. Chair Hanley restated that this is an NIH request and the site needs to be a university-level resource.

5. Other

Interdisciplinary Research Grant (IRG) Update – Chair Hanley provided URC with an excel handout that gave new updated information on this seed funding. She said these grants had an extraordinary success. Chair Hanley requested the VPR office assist with getting dollar amounts to help provide the importance of continuing this funding. Once the data is compiled, the URC will forward the information to the Executive Vice President/Provost with a special request to continue this opportunity.