

**University Research Council**  
**Minutes**  
**April 2, 2004**

**Present:** Brenda Benefit, James Cowie, Everett Egginton, Wynn Egginton, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Richard Hills, Stephen Horan, Nirmala Khandan, Chuck Kozel, Ken Martin, Bernard McNamara, Enrico Pontelli, Marc Pruyn, Rudi Schoenmackers, Edmund Scribner, Elizabeth Titus, Karl Wood

**Absent:** Barbara Coppola, Lisa Dalton, Dean Hawkins, Michael Hites, Linda Lacey, Kevin McIlvoy, Martha Mitchell, Rhonda Skaggs, Rasler Smith

1. Minutes

Minutes for March 5, 2004 were approved as presented.

2. Presentation by Kevin Boberg

Kevin Boberg discussed opportunities for NMSU growth through cooperation and collaboration in science, engineering, business and commercialization, and the role that the Arrowhead Park can play.

3. Report from Nominating Committee/Election of Executive Committee

Karl Wood from the URC Nomination Committee presented nominations for next fiscal year's Executive Committee. Other nominations were invited, however no additional nominations were provided. A vote by acclamation placed Mark Pruyn as Chair-elect, Barbara Coppola as Faculty Representative, and Elizabeth Titus as the Position Appointment.

4. Search Update for the Vice Provost for Research

An update was given on the search for the Vice Provost for Research. Over forty candidates have submitted resumes. The 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of April will be set aside for airport interviews. After these interviews, the committee will narrow the pool down to approximately 4 candidates to bring to campus during either the last week of April, or the first week of May. It was felt that the candidate pool is strong.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Research Assessment – Steve Horan said a meeting would take place before the end of the semester. Presently, the committee is developing data on our performance relative to our peers.
- b. Awards Committee – Nirmala Khandan provided an update on the status of the URC awards. Due to lack of applications, the deadline for the submission of the applications has been extended to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Research Fair –URC members volunteered at the last URC meeting to assist with the Research Fair to be held in the Fall. Rudi Schoenmackers suggested that if members were agreeable, that NM AMP would continue to take the lead with the organization of the fair this year. Elizabeth Titus suggested distributing information to the faculty/staff prior to the end of spring semester to allow participants to work on their projects during the summer. Dr. Schoenmackers extended his appreciation to the members who volunteered to assist.
6. Request for Information from Faculty Senate Representative, Bernard McNamara

Bernard McNamara requested that the URC submit items they would like to be included in his report to the Faculty Senate. This information should be submitted to him via email.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.  
Minutes by Frances Schumacher