

University Research Council
Approved Minutes
May 2, 2005

Present: Don Birx, Dana Christman, Shaun Cooper (Hites), Everett Egginton, Wynn Egginton, Sam Fernald, Helen Flechsenhaar (Cowie), Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Kyle Goret (Fisher), James Herndon, Stephen Horan, Jennifer Kreie, Linda Lacey, Ken Martin, Bernard McNamara, Martha Mitchell, Cathy Ortega Klett (Karl Wood), Enrico Pontelli, Marc Pruyn, Rudi Schoenmackers, Pam Schultz, Karl Wood

Absent: Barbara Coppola, Lisa Dalton, Nirmala Khandan, Rhonda Skaggs, Elizabeth Titus

Guest: Karen Luces

1. Minutes for URC meetings held March 4, 2005 and April 1, 2005 were approved as presented.
2. URC Research Fair & AMP Program – Karen Luces

Karen Luces provided an update on the URC Research Fair and the Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) Program. She gave a tentative date of Friday, October 7, 2005, for the AMP Conference, which is held in conjunction with the Research Fair, and is reserving the morning for undergrad presentations and the early afternoon for faculty poster presentations.

3. Committee Reports

Campus-Wide Research Management & Infrastructure Committee – Will provide their report next Fall semester.

Resource Management of Research Assistants – Dean Lacey spoke to URC about the 20 new graduate research assistantships (GRAs) being assigned to the Research Clusters. Some concern was expressed regarding how the GRAs would be linked to the Research Clusters.

Award Committee – Sam Fernald told members that the URC Award for Creative Scholarly Activity selection suggestions had been forwarded to Interim V.P. for Research Donald Birx for announcement.

4. Updates

Limited Submissions –Inclusion of teaming agreements in the proposed policy for limited submissions was discussed. Wynn Egginton spoke to members about the new policy and explained that faculty members who have interest in such a program, should contact their College Research Center (CRC) or Research Unit (i.e., PSL, WRR). The CRC or Research Unit is then responsible for notifying the Council of Research Centers (CORC), the Financial Administrative Subcommittee Advisory Team (FASAT), and research faculty of interest in the limited submission program. Other faculty interested in the submission will respond to the initiating CRC or Research Unit. If more submissions are planned than can be sent

forward, the VPR office will establish a review panel to decide which submissions should be forwarded.

SURP- URC members were given an update on the Sandia University Research Program. This program is for early career faculty and offers \$40,000 per year with the possibility of a renewal for the following year. Eligible faculty must have no more than 2 years at NMSU and be within 8 years of receiving their Ph.D.

5. Other Business

Mini-Grant Program – URC was informed that the call for proposals for the Cluster Mini-Grants had been posted with a review of the first round to take place in early June.

New Chair – Marc Pruyn spoke about his ideas for the upcoming year. He wants to continue with ad hoc subcommittees within the URC.

Chair – Rudi Schoenmackers thanked members for their commitment to the council and for promoting research on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.
Minutes by Frances Schumacher