

**University Research Council
Approved Minutes
November 4, 2005**

Present: Wanda Borges, Dana Christman, Sam Fernald, David Finston, Anne Gallegos, James Herndon, Nirmala Khandan, Marc Pruyn, Allen Torell, David Voelz

Absent: Don Birx, Janice Black, Shaun Cooper, Jim Cowie, Jennifer Kreie, Everett Egginton, Wynn Egginton, Chris Fields, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Linda Lacey, Rudi Schoenmackers, Pam Schultz, Elizabeth Titus, Karl Wood

1. Minutes from URC Meeting held on September 2, 2005 were approved as presented.
2. URC Research Fair

Marc Pruyn provided statistics and photographs of the URC Research Fair. The poster boards were completely filled by faculty presenting posters this year. A few suggestions for next year's fair included advertising the fair earlier in the summer so that faculty have more time to create their posters; using the "all-faculty" list-serve provided by the Provost's office to ensure all faculty receive the registration information; and to obtain more poster boards so that all faculty interested in presenting have the opportunity. The registration was closed early this year due to all the poster boards being reserved early in the registration process.

3. URC Subcommittee Updates

Research Infrastructure – Marc Pruyn updated members on this subcommittee's meeting which followed the regular meeting in September. With regard to the V.P. Research search, he said that more than 50 candidates have applied including one top individual from the search conducted in Spring 2004. The search committee has started the references check for the top 15 candidates. Conference call interviews will take place in the near future and then the on-campus interviews will follow.

4. Other Business

Research Graduate Assistants – It was suggested that the research grad assistants be invited to attend the Research Cluster presentations that will be given at the beginning of each URC meeting.

URC History – A recommendation was made to compile a URC history for the new Vice President for Research that would provide a historical view. Marc Pruyn noted that Past Chair Rudi Schoenmackers will provide a summary of last year's meetings and goals at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.
Minutes by Frances Schumacher