

University Research Council
Approved Minutes
April 7, 2006

Present: Ahmed Abdelali (James Cowie), Eduardo Arellano (Dana Christman), Shaun Cooper, Wynn Egginton, Sam Fernald, David Finston, Rudi Schoenmackers, Elizabeth Titus, Allen Torell, Karl Wood

Absent: Don Birx, Janice Black, Wanda Borges, Everett Egginton, Chris Fields, Anne Gallegos, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, James Herndon, Nirmala Khandan, Jennifer Kreie, Linda Lacey, Marc Pruyn, Pam Schultz, David Voelz

Guests: Eduardo Arellano, Pat Beckler, Subramanian Murugan, Sittampalam Sathiskumar

1. Past Chair Rudi Schoenmackers called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes from URC Meeting held on March 3, 2006 were approved as presented.
3. Colleges of Health & Social Services/Education Research Presentations

Pat Beckler and Eduardo Arellano provided members with a presentation of research activities from the College of Health and Social Services and the College of Education and their relation to the Southwest and Border Regions Health, Education, Culture, and Development Research Cluster.

4. URC Subcommittees

Awards – Sam Fernald reported this subcommittee had met on March 28th and selected four faculty to receive the URC Creative Scholarly Activity Awards. Interim Vice President Don Birx agreed with the recommendations. These faculty will receive monetary awards and be recognized at the Fall Convocation for their endeavors.

Early Career
Christopher Brown
Igor Sevostianov

Distinguished Career
Jeffrey Arterburn
Kirk McDaniel

Election – James Herndon, Chair for the Election Subcommittee, asked Rudi Schoenmackers to provide information to the URC in his absence. Dr. Schoenmackers reported that the position of Chair-Elect for 2007-08 had one nomination which was Alexander “Sam” Fernald. Members were given the opportunity to submit other names as nominees. No others were provided to which Dean Elizabeth Titus made the motion to elect Sam Fernald by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Incentives/Disincentives – This subcommittee has recently started looking at the impact on incentives made by the research clusters. Dean Titus suggested that until there is an accepted

clear funding model for the research clusters, discussing incentives in relation to research clusters would be premature.

Promotion and Tenure – This subcommittee has not met since the last URC meeting.

Research Infrastructure – This subcommittee will meet again next semester.

Subcommittees were asked to provide a summary report to Chair Marc Pruyn.

5. Other Business

Vice President for Research Search - Members were told that this position has been offered to Dr. Vimal Desai, who has accepted. No other information was available at this time.

TRC BAA – Wynn Egginton provided members with information on this Broad Area Announcement for the New Mexico Technology Research Collaborative grant program. Awards under this grant program can be used for any purpose that supports the commercialization of a new technology-based product or service. Proposals are due May 12, 2006. URC members were asked to share this information with other interested faculty members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes by Frances Schumacher