

University Research Council
Approved Minutes
April 5, 2007

Present: David Boje, Kip Coggins, Alexander Fernald, Michele Nishiguchi, William Stein, Steve Thomas, Allen Torell, Karl Wood

Absent: Prentice Baptiste, Janice Black, Wanda Borges, James Botsford, Shaun Cooper, Everett Egginton, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Abbas Ghassemi, Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Nirmala Khandan, Linda Lacey, Marc Pruyn, David Voelz, Patricia Wojahn, Elizabeth Titus

1. Minutes from the meeting held on March 9, 2007 were approved as presented.
2. Draft Letter to Administration re: Reallocation of Faculty Slots

Minor changes were suggested for a letter that was written by Karl Wood regarding the reallocation of faculty slots that URC members had voted on to create and provide to administration. It was agreed that after the changes were made that the letter should be forwarded to Executive Vice President/Provost Flores.

3. Subcommittees

- a) Awards – The members of this subcommittee will be meeting on Thursday April 12th at 10:00am to review submissions and make suggestions to Vice President Vimal Chaitanya as to who they feel should receive the awards.
- b) Mission, Vision and Goals – Abbas Ghassemi will provide an update at the next meeting.
- c) Election – The members of this subcommittee include Bill Stein, Alexander Fernald, and Karl Wood. Members were told that the vote for Chair Elect will take place at the next URC meeting.

4. URC Fair (Fall 2007)

Opportunities for the next URC Fair taking place the first week of October were discussed. Last year Dr. Chaitanya gave out monetary awards for the top 3 faculty posters which were judged by URC members. It was suggested that the posters be judged with prizes provided again at this upcoming Fair. Ricardo Rel, NMSU's government liaison attended last year and suggested that URC should invite government agencies or congressional staff to the Fair so that they can see some of what our faculty are involved in. Karl Wood also suggested that local legislators be invited as well. It was agreed that the first announcement should go out in May with monthly reminders leading up to the deadline for poster applications so that faculty would have ample notice/time to work on their posters.

Other suggestions included asking Dr. Chaitanya to increase the amount of each award and the number of awards that are given.

5. May Meeting

Some May meetings in the past have been cancelled due to the meetings occurring during finals week. Members were asked if they thought a May meeting would be worthwhile. It was agreed to have the meeting on May 4, 2007. Michele Nishiguchi told members that the Advancing Leaders group would have their report out at that time and that she hoped to be able to provide that.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:26 p.m.
Minutes by Frances Schumacher