

University Research Council
Approved Minutes
February 29, 2008

Present: Vimal Chaitanya, David Boje, Nirmala Khandan, Steve Leask (Shaun Cooper), Michele Nishiguchi, Azadeh Osanloo, Meghan Starbuck, William Stein, Myriam Torres, Patricia Wojahn, April Ulery, Karl Wood, Michael Young

Absent: Prentice Baptiste, Brenda Benefit, Kip Coggins, Shaun Cooper, Everett Egginton, Abbas Ghassemi, Linda Lacey, Steve Thomas, Elizabeth Titus, David Voelz

1. Minutes for January 25, 2008 were approved.

2. URC Charter

Chair Karl Wood told members he had attended the Academic Deans Council (ADC) to promote the charter. One dean told ADC that he wanted to get feedback from his faculty before he would agree to the charter so the charter discussion was tabled until next ADC which is scheduled for March 11, 2008. Myriam Torres told members that the Faculty Senate will meet on April 3, 2008 at which time it is hoped the draft charter will pass.

Patricia Wohjan provided a handout that showed the number of senators on Faculty Senate in comparison to the number of faculty at the different colleges. She requested that the URC charter membership have two Arts and Sciences representatives due to its large size with one member being from the hard sciences and the other member being from the soft sciences.

William Stein mentioned concern for the Physical Science Lab (PSL) being included since the draft charter mentions “faculty members” and that PSL does not have “faculty” per se. However, it should be noted that the draft charter does include PSL membership.

3. URC Award for Creative Scholarly Activity – Review Committee Needed

Volunteers to serve on the review committee include: Nirmala Khandan, Patricia Wojahn, Azadeh Osanloo, April Ulery and Michael Young. The deadline for submission from the colleges, PSL, Library and research centers is March 14, 2008.

4. URC Website

The URC website has recently been updated with minutes from previous meetings and a membership listing. The site and may be reached at the following link:

<http://research.nmsu.edu/urc/> .

5. NMSU Federal Relations Firm – Lewis-Burke Associates LLC

Lewis-Burke Associates' Joel Widder will be on campus March 11 – 12, 2008. Mr. Widder has extensive knowledge of the National Science Foundation as a previous deputy director for legislative and public affairs. An open forum and one-on-one sessions can be scheduled by contacting Renate Bone at rbone@psl.nmsu.edu .

6. Other

Meghan Starbuck said the Research Dean for College of Business, Kevin Boberg, would like to address URC at a future meeting regarding what Arrowhead Incorporated does and information on intellectual property. He hopes that URC members will assist him in getting this beneficial information back to their colleges.

Minutes by Frances Schumacher