

**University Research Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**October 30, 2009**

**Present:** Jeffrey Arterburn, Joseph Berning, Phillip DeLeon, Shanna Ivey, Jim Kroger, Kevin Melendrez, John Mexal, Collin Payne, Meghan Starbuck, Steven Stochaj, Patricia Wojahn

**Absent:** Vimal Chaitanya, David Barney, Sam Fernald, Rachel Navarro, Michele Nishiguchi, Igor Sevostianov, Enedina Vazquez, Michael Young

1. Minutes from September 18, 2009 were approved as presented
2. Poster Presentation by URC Fair Winner – Vijendra Raj Apsingekar  
“*Speaker Identification in Room Reverberation using GMM-UBM*”  
A. Akula, Phillip DeLeon, Vijendra Raj Apsingekar

This presentation was the first of three from the poster award winners at the URC Fair.

3. Research Survey – Glenn Kuehn

Drs. Glenn Kuehn and Janet Darrow provided a presentation on the NMSU Research Environment Study which was funded by NIH through the Support for Continuous Research Excellence (SCORE) program. He pointed out that the response from researchers was good (85% of CAHE, 100% of A&S and all of PSL).

Dr. Kuehn asked URC to select one item from page 9, top slide “Steps to Improve Grant Management Processes” and try to improve that process. Regarding same slide, topic #7, Dr. Kuehn said that program administrators from NIH have said that NMSU has too many arbitrary policies. He also suggested to URC that if they are having difficulties with purchase requisitions taking too long that they should request a \$20K limit on their procurement card which will help speed purchasing challenges.

For record, this presentation will be attached to these minutes as “Attachment A.”

4. Research Cluster Review

This topic will also be covered in the study to support the white paper on research. Sam Fernald volunteered to support the white paper with this topic at a past meeting. It was agreed that the information Past Chair Fernald generates for the white paper will be used for this as well. The cluster review was requested by Vimal Chaitanya.

## 5. Report on White Paper

Meghan Starbuck asked members to provide an update on their study subject to support the white paper on research. Some members had made progress and others hadn't. Chair Starbuck said we need specific recommendations to come from members' researched topics.

The VPR office and the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) is available to assist URC with their study subjects. Chair Starbuck asked that we invite the Director of OSI, Sudha Murthy to the next meeting.

Minutes by Frances Schumacher