

**University Research Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**February 14, 2014**

**Present:** Rani Alexander, Jeffrey Arterburn, Susan Beck, Vimal Chaitanya, Muhammad Dawood, Richard Fortin, Stephen Hanson, Shanna Ivey, Jill McDonald, Cathy Ortega-Klett (for Sam Fernald), Rebecca Palacios (for James Robinson), Marques Quinones (for Joanne Esparza), Hari Sankaran, Steve Stochaj, Mingjun Wei

**Absent:** Matthias Burkardt, Rebecca Creamer, O.D. Hadfield, Cathy Kinzer, Mary O'Connell, Robert Smits

**Guests:** Jason Koenig, Terry Lombard

1. Intellectual Property & Arrowhead – Jason Koenig and Terry Lombard

A presentation was provided to URC by Jason Koenig and Terry Lombard of Arrowhead Center's Tech Transfer and Commercialization office on the NMSU patent process for intellectual property. The presentation included Phase I: Research & Disclosure; Phase II: Evaluation & Protection; Phase III: Commercialization & Licensing; and commercialization process benefits. For more information see attached presentation for record.

2. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2013

VPR Chaitanya deferred this item to the next scheduled meeting.

3. URC Chair Elect Vote

VPR Chaitanya deferred this item to the next scheduled meeting.

4. Update from VPR Chaitanya on APLU and other topics

VPR Chaitanya had recently attended an Association of Public and Land Grant Universities conference and provided an update on that and on past and future guests to campus. With APLU he stressed the need for NMSU to increase partnerships with other universities and private industry as well. APLU conversation indicates that future sequestrations in 2015 and 2016 will more than likely take place and NMSU needs to be prepared and looking at opportunities other than Federal funding. While in Washington he met with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Director who has visited NMSU in the past. In a candid conversation with VPR Chaitanya he said that while NMSU has a lot of offer, it is not aggressive enough.

Past and future guests to NMSU included a visit from Utah State whose interests are in biotechnology and are targeting NMSU as partners. Jacobs Technology, a subsidiary of Jacobs

Engineering Group Inc., does research and development in areas such as aerospace, defense, test and evaluation, design/build test facilities to name a few. They were looking at potential collaboration between their facility at the Johnson Space Center and NMSU. Dr. Li of Eastern China University of Science and Technology was visiting from China and is very interested in creating a partnership with the algal biofuels team. Coming next week are the Air Force Research Lab to hold an on-campus educational partnership agreement committee meeting and visit some labs. On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> NMSU will host the federal relations firm, Lewis-Burke. Three open sessions are scheduled for faculty members and more information will be provided to URC regarding their visit.

A USDA food security opportunity was mentioned and discussed by some URC members because the announcement had not been widely distributed and NMSU would have been well positioned to provide proposals being a minority institution and on the border. This brought up conversation regarding how much accountability the college research centers should show in helping to distribute these opportunities.

#### 5. URC Award Criteria

Members reviewed the criteria and suggestions were made. Frances Schumacher will edit the criteria and send out to URC for comment so that the award can be made public before the end of February.

#### 6. Other

A question was posed as to whether to invite CADRe to the URC meeting in April. It was agreed that the March meeting would be used to discuss IRB and CADRe topics. VPR Chaitanya suggested that URC might work with CADRe on white papers for one or two areas and work with them as a task force.

Steve Stochaj gave an update on the CIO search saying that by the time the five candidates came to campus, all but two had found other jobs. The search should be finished and a candidate selected soon.

Minutes by Frances Schumacher