

**University Research Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**September 16, 2014**

**Present:** Jeffrey Arterburn, Susan Beck, Jamie Bronstein, Vimal Chaitanya, Cathy Ortega-Klett (for Sam Fernald), Maria Gurrola, Kathryn Hanley, Stephen Hanson, Cathy Kinzer, Jill McDonald, Mihai Niculescu, Mary O'Connell, Steve Stochaj, Mingjun Wei

**Absent:** Matthias Burkardt, Joanne Esparza, Clint Loest, Hongmei Luo, Hari Sankaran

1. Approval of Minutes

August 26, 2014 minutes were approved as presented. Chair Stochaj asked the council to note the “future topics” bulleted items as they will be potential areas of focus for the URC during this academic year.

2. URC Fair – Request Poster Judges

Steve Hanson, Kathy Hanley and Hongmei Luo volunteered to judge posters. Score sheets and other information will be provided to them prior to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3. Update on Campus Interactions With New Medical School

Vimal Chaitanya told URC that he had met with founding dean George Mychaskiw of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) who mentioned working with universities and hospitals in Juarez, Mexico which would provide access to clinical labs. He is looking forward to working with NMSU faculty members in the health areas. A question was posed as to whether the clinical samples would be able to come across the border and if there was a route to do that. Another question posed was if they would be using the NMSU's IRB processes. Dr. Chaitanya said Dr. Mychaskiw asked about that and about using the Office of Grants and Contracts. Dr. Chaitanya suggested that perhaps that could be worked out if there was an increase in staff for which BCOM will be contributing.

4. Provost Howard Visit on November 18, 2014

Chair Stochaj suggested the format for Provost Howard's visit include a short presentation to bring up topics and also leave time for discussion. He said Provost Howard should have some advance notice of topics, especially for the outcomes report for the Research Processes Task Force (as noted in the minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup>, a report was expected by end of July but it might not be completed yet); incentives for researchers; graduate student recruitment/retention system broken; need to know TA allocation for departments so they don't have to hold off on recruitment which causes loss of top tier students; the need for tuition waivers for graduate assistants; and “my research” tab roll out which will have all the links needed. Chair Stochaj hopes to have a draft presentation to review at the October

meeting and encouraged members to write to him with any suggestions that might not have been mentioned.

5. State of NMSU Research Enterprise

Dr. Chaitanya told URC he will be visiting departments across campus to provide a presentation on NMSU's sponsored awards, expenditures and the department's proposal submission.

6. Inaugural Meeting of the VPRs/VCRs from Central and Southern Plains

Dr. Chaitanya said he had recently attended the inaugural meeting of the Central and Southern Plains VPRs and VCRs at the University of Oklahoma where 12 states were represented. The goal of this group is to identify, create, and discuss potential research topics that might be pursued as a group with a focus on unique research challenges and priorities. They listed water; environment, sustainability, climate change; energy; aerospace and UAS; and other potential topics and areas of interest.

7. Other

Chair Stochaj brought up the topic of access to journals. This appears to be slowing down research at NMSU. He asked if anyone uses a database for their references. Susan Beck said Citation Manager is used. He asked members to write to him if they hear complaints, or concerns. Also the portal at the library isn't as easy to use as it could be. Dr. Beck suggested that when writing to Chair Stochaj to include screen shots or as much information as possible to help identify the problem area. He mentioned a citation manager that keeps information in a cloud and apparently does a cloud to cloud share. He believes this might be beneficial or an easier access to journals. He will send the link to Dr. Beck for her perusal. He also suggested a statewide library would be beneficial.