

Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

B48 Zimmermann Library

- Members Present:** David Hanson (Chair), Tryphenia Peele-Eady, Cristian Bologa, Randall Truman, Peter Vorobieff, Holly Jacobson, Mary Anne Newhall, Tobias Fischer, Elizabeth Kuuttila, President/CEO, Science and Technology Corporation and Dan Barkley.
- Members Absent:** Blair Wolf, Kimberly Jane, Shiraz Mishra, Behnam Mousavi, Michele Huff, Senior Associate of University Counsel, and Richard Larson, Chief Administrative Officer for Research Health Sciences Center (HSC)
- Ex-Officio:** Michael Dougher, Vice Provost, Office of Vice Provost for Research (OVPR)
- Guest Present:**
- Minutes:** Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary, Administrative Coordinator

1) Introductions.

2) **Review minutes from September.** Hanson is waiting on the review from OVPR before moving forward with the approval of the minutes.

3) **Assign committee member to Information Technology Use Committee. The faculty appointed will serve a term of 2014-2016.** Hanson asked if anyone is interested in serving on this committee. Hanson could not provide information on the details of the scope of work. Hanson will research the requirements and get back to the committee with more information.

4) **Review Annual Research Lecture Award call.** Hanson reported on this. The idea is that this year the FS Research Policy Committee wishes to tie this to the New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference. Program Planning Officer for the VP for Research and Economic Development, Mathew Gallegos has informed Hanson that the preferred day for the presentation date would be Thursday April 23, 2015. Friday April 24, 2015 is also an option. In the past it has been that the person is picked and they find a date in the spring. The goal is to have a research focus across campus. Dougher commented that the idea is also to have a Research Day where the focus is on research across campus. Dougher indicated there will be Undergraduate presentations/Graduate presentations, and then culminate together with the Annual Research

Lecturer. Hanson stated that the language for the Research Lecture Day announcement needs to be discussed and finalized. Dougher expressed that Thursday April 23, 2015 is most appropriate because it is difficult to organize for Friday April 24, 2015 as departments across campus are hosting their own research initiatives that are already scheduled on certain days. Peele-Eady recommended including a parenthetical statement that would read: Tentatively Scheduled for Thursday April 23, 2015. Dougher informed that FS Research Policy Committee that NMSU and NM Tech may possibly participate. OVPR would like to consider this as research recognition week. Gallegos will be the contact for the schedule of events. Gallegos informed Hanson that his office usually likes to have winter break to coordinate with the award winner. It takes about 6 weeks to receive all nominations for the Research Lecture Award.

Action- Committee approved by unanimous vote to send out Annual Research Lecture Award on October 30, 2014 to declare December 12, 2014 as the deadline to send nominations for consideration. Barkley will send the announcement to Dougher's assistant, Lauren Medrano for distribution.

- 5) **Update on Centers policy status.** Hanson indicated he will be meeting with FS Operations Committee and OVPR to address the current policy concerns.
- 6) **OVPR and/or ADR/RC Update.** Dougher indicated that F&A is down roughly by .5 million relative to this time last year. Dougher stated that was due to losing some long standing grants that have come to an end. The fall call for equipment request has been finalized. \$500,000 to \$600,000 has been allocated in equipment requests. Dougher mentioned that it is difficult to allocate money for this when there is \$2.5 million and many worthy requests. The Office of Sponsored Projects is now fully staffed and have replaced the vacancies. Isela Roeder is now the new Office Manager. All procedures are under review with an eye toward improved efficiency and customer service. One way that they will try to assess faculty satisfaction with the proposal process is there will be a survey to take every time you submit a proposal. IRB procedures have been streamlined and that office is working more smoothly. The average turnaround time for a full proposal is now 32 days, which is 15 days better than the national average. Dougher informed the FS Research Policy Committee that OVPR took a group of faculty to Washington D.C. to meet with the Department of Energy (DOE) and other agencies. Associate Research Faculty interacted with program managers to talk about their areas of research in relation to what the funding agencies are looking for. Dougher informed the Committee that they have recently finalized a joint hire with Sandia. They are looking for two more in Computer Science and Quantum Mechanics Information Control. Dougher met with LANL and they are interested in joint hires also. Dougher stated the goal is to increase the numbers of national lab professors.
- 7) **New Business.** Kuuttilla informed the FS Research Policy Committee of the tech socials being held. These involve the startup companies that have emerged from UNM research. It provides an opportunity to network with investors, entrepreneurs, and larger in state and out of state companies. The dates are categorized by technology area.
- 8) **Next meeting time and venue** – 4:00PM, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, Zimmermann, Rm. B48.

9) Adjourn.