Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee (RPC)

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
B48 Zimmermann Library

Members Present: David Hanson (Chair), Tryphenia Peele-Eady, Peter Vorobieff,

Holly Jacobson, and Dan Barkley.

Members Absent: Cristian Bologa, Tobias Fischer, Randall Truman Blair Wolf,

Kimberly Jane, Behnam Mousavi,

Ex-Officio: Elizabeth Kuuttila, President/CEO, Science and Technology

Corporation

Ex-Officio Absent: Richard Larson, Chief Administrative Officer for Research Health

Sciences Center (HSC), Michael Dougher, Vice Provost, Office of Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) and Michael Huff, Senior

Associate of University Counsel

Guest Present: Charles Cunningham, Research and Creative Works Council Chair

Minutes: Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary, Administrative

Coordinator

- 1) Introductions.
- 2) **Review minutes from September.** RPC voted to approve September minutes.
- 3) **Review minutes from October.** The committee voted to approve the October minutes.
- 4) Assign committee member to Information Technology Use Committee. The faculty appointed will serve a term of 2014-2016. Peter Vorobieff was appointed by RPC to serve on the Information Technology Use Committee. It is unclear what this entails. Hanson will follow-up with the Faculty Senate regarding the responsibilities/goals that are required. At this point Hanson indicated that the starting point would to first attend the Information Technology Use Committee meetings and report back to RPC about what they are doing.

Action- OUS will add Voroboeff to the listserv and membership roster.

5) **Annual Research Lecture Award and Sub-Committee assignments.** Update, Barkley indicated there are 5 candidates that spilled over from last year that carried over automatically for

consideration. There have been no notes of inquiry through 4:00PM this afternoon. There are always incredibly qualified people. Hanson suggested asking OVPR to send out another call for nominations.

Action- Hanson will request the OVPR to send out another call to all deans, department heads, and center directors and to all faculty once more. In addition, the deadline will also be extended in hoped that more nominations will come through as the deadline is already December 12th.

Thursday April 23, 2015 is the tentative **Annual Research Lecture Day**. Jacobson and Peele-Eady were assigned to serve on the Annual Research Lecture subcommittee.

6) Policy A91 and standard A91#1. Hanson indicated that he met with professional consultant and Cunningham to understand the issues surrounding proposed policy A91 and Faculty Handbook policy A91#1. Hanson explained to RPC that the goal is to have Faculty Handbook policies that apply across both campuses. The way to achieve this with respect to these policies is to have standards that would apply to HSC and main campus. Hanson explained the structure (policy rationale, policy statement, applicability) of the policy document itself to the RPC. Hanson indicated that A91 would apply to both HSC and main campus. In addition, Hanson explained proposed Standard A91 #1 document which governs the Creation, Review, Reorganization, and Termination of Non-HSC Research Centers and Institutes. The reason for separate documents is that HSC does not organize their centers the same way we do. Hanson explained to the group that HSC will be expected to come up with their own set of standards. Jacobson asked if RPC will be looking at the Standards #2 document. Cunningham indicated that he would expect both RPC and the FS Policy Committee to review that document. RPC discussed that language which addresses interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and, Transdisciplinary, interaction will need to be considered for these policies. Cunningham indicated that there needs to be clarification which standard document applies in a situation where something bridges both sides of the campus. Who has jurisdiction? Hanson asked RPC who should be the approver of the Standard A91 #1. Cunningham indicated that RPC, FS Operations and FS Policy Committee should be the approvers and reviewers.

Action- Insert statement to clarify what document applies when a situation bridges both sides of campus.

Action- Send to FS Operations Committee and FS Policy Committee for their review and input.

Action- Hanson will make some edits regarding these policies and will circulate a vote for the approval of the documents via email. The goal is to provide the FS Policy Committee with RPC's feedback to get their comments addressed at the next FS Policy Committee which meets December 3, 2014.

- 7) OVPR and/or ADR/RC Update. None
- 8) STCUNM/IP Update. Kuuttila expressed that the memo regarding Intellectual Property is currently on hold. As far as she knows it wasn't sent out to main campus faculty. It was drafted and was supposed to be sent to Kuuttila for review. It was sent out to HSC faculty and then she received it after the fact. She indicated that it violated Intellectual Property policy and the MOU agreement

between UNM and STC. The accounting people at UNM indicated that it also violates the tax exempt bond status of the buildings.

Action- RPC Intellectual Property subcommittee will work on the Intellectual Property policy once these issues get sorted out further and tasks are clarified.

- 9) **New Business.** No new business.
- 10) **Next meeting time and venue** 4:00PM, Wednesday, December. 17, 2014, Zimmermann, Rm. B48.
- 11) Adjourn.