

## Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2014

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dan Barkley, Tobias Fischer, Walter Gerstle (Chair), David Hanson, Holly Jacobson, Tim Ross, Mahmoud Taha

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Jane, Behnam Mousavi, Mary Anne Newhall (excused), Cathy Huaqing Qi (excused), Tom Turner (excused), Blair Wolf (excused)

**Ex-Officio Present:** Michael Dougher, Vice Provost, Office of Vice Provost for Research

**Ex-Officio Absent:** Elizabeth Kuuttila, President/CEO, Science and Technology Corporation (excused); Michele Huff, Interim Deputy, University Counsel Office; Richard Larson, Chief Administrative Officer for Research Health Sciences Center (HSC)

**Guests Present:** Dennis Dunn, Office of the Secretary; Eri Hoshi (representing Lisa Kuuttila); Carol Parker, Associate Provost; Selena Salazar, Office of the Secretary; Tom Solomon, 350.org; Barbara West, OVPR

**Minutes drafted by:** Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary; edited by Walter Gerstle

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Approved
- 2. Introductions:** Those present introduced themselves.
- 3. Approval of minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting:** Approved without change.
- 4. Presentation by Tom Solomon from 350.org:** Solomon presented a proposal for UNM to divest from carbon-based extractive industries. Several RPC members reacted with varying levels of approval/disapproval.
- 5. Annual Research Lecture:** There are no updates from Barkley regarding this. Barkley will follow-up with Michelle Clement and send an update via email. Dougher proposed that next year he would like the annual research lecture day to be held in late April when the University celebrates research. This would be in conjunction with undergraduate and graduate research celebration day. Barbara West informed the FS Research Policy Committee that the lecture will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Centennial Engineering Center starting at 5:30PM. Barkley needs to send out letters of declination.

- 6. Centers and Institutes and F&A Policy Proposals:** Gerstle provided an update to the FS Research Policy Committee regarding policies A88-A90 (Centers and Institutes), and E60 (Research Policy). Gerstle indicated that he presented both of these proposals to the FS Policy Committee. The FS Policy Committee agreed to move both proposals forward. Both proposals need to be reviewed and modified by HSC Council as there are still concerns per Richard Larson. Gerstle informed the Committee that Office of the University Secretary (OUS) is currently working on putting these proposals into the appropriate policy format to be placed into the Faculty Handbook. Meetings with OUS have been scheduled to format the proposals while still reflecting the intent.
- 7. RAC Policy:** Gerstle addressed the concern of funding for RAC. OVPR allocated 5K to the RAC Committee for their awards. The RAC Committee is on track as far as Gerstle knows as the RAC Committee has just completed the review of the Spring 2014 awards. Dougher indicated that OVPR will continue to give 150K to the base and that an extra 50K will be allocated when patent funds are received by the University.
- 8. Letters of Academic Title (LAT's):** Carol Parker provided the Committee with a progress report on the work done to look at B.2 and B.3 in the Faculty Handbook (AF&T) project to review holistically all of the faculty appointment to ensure they are meeting the needs of the University.
- 9. Report from OVPR:** Dougher and Barbara West presented the new OVPR web page, which includes significantly improved financial data, as well as a much more effective overall design. Several suggestions for improvement were made. Cayuse is to be replaced with a better online proposal submission system.
- 10. New Business:** No new business.
- 11. Next meeting time and venue:** 3:00 PM, Wednesday, April 16, 2014, Zimmermann, Rm. B48.
- 12. Adjourned:** 4:20 PM.