

Research Policy Committee Minutes  
November 21, 2012  
8:30-9:30AM  
Zimmermann, B48

**Members present:**

Walter Gerstle (chair), Civil Engineering  
Stephen Lau, Mathematics and Statistics  
Cassiano De Oliveira, Chemical and Nuclear Engineering  
Cathy Qi, College of Education  
Yu-Lin Shen, Mechanical Engineering  
Teresa Neely, University Libraries  
Kristopher Goodrich, College of Education  
Mary Anne Newhall – College of Fine Arts (replacing William Gilbert)  
Amy Neel, Faculty Senate President  
Raj Shah, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (north campus)  
Michele Huff (ex-officio, University Counsel)

**Members NOT present:**

Lisa Kuuttila (ex-officio), STC  
Arash Mousavi (GPSA) (excused)  
Scott Freunds Schuh, Geography (teaches Wednesdays at 9 AM) (excused)  
David Hanson, Biology (excused)  
Richard Larson (ex-officio, HSC Chief Academic Officer)  
Barbara West (OVPR, ex-officio member from office not officially designated on website, representing John McGraw, see comment below under vacant) (excused)

**Guests:**

Dan Barkley, University Libraries  
Julia Coonrod, chair, ERAC (Executive Research Advisory Committee)  
Felicia Rider, OVPR  
Matt Gallegos, OVPR

**Vacant:**

Faculty spot from HSC (have requested that Richard Holder select a new member from HSC)  
OVPR main campus (have requested that John McGraw be installed as ex-officio member, still not rectified on website)

**Minutes:** taken by Teresa Neely and edited by Walter Gerstle

**Agenda items and notes below:**

**1. Approval of agenda**

1.1. Approved

**2. Introductions**

**3. Approval of Minutes of Oct 17, 2012 meeting**

3.1. Approved with the following changes:

3.1.1. Cathy Qi is not on the F&A subcommittee

3.1.2. Raj Shah is not on the F&A subcommittee

3.1.3. Raj Shah is on the Centers and Institutes subcommittee

3.1.4. Teresa Neely is on the Centers and Institutes subcommittee

**4. Annual Research Lecture Award Subcommittee –**

4.1. Current members

4.1.1. Teresa Neely (Chair), Scott Freundsuh, David Hanson, Yu-Lin Shen

Felicia Rider and Matt Gallegos met with David Hanson, acting as chair while Teresa Neely was on medical leave, and set up a plan for 2013. Matt and Felicia also developed and presented a proposed timeline for future annual research lectureships. Both are attached.

Nomination call went out to all faculty on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Separate emails were sent to all deans on main and north campus. Emails were sent to the nominators of nominees still active in the pool. They all confirmed their continued support of their nominees.

**General Discussion:** Leveraging different research events together is a good idea. Felicia Rider / Julia Coonrod: ERAC – has long wanted to celebrate research on campus. Perhaps the Lectureship awardee event could be held during a research week, possibly week of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. GPSA has grant money to support this effort. UNM would host the event and other institutions in the state could be invited. Lectureship could be kick-off event. Discussion of whether the Undergraduate Research Symposium would be held this week. R. Shah asked if north campus would be included in the research week; they have a junior faculty research event. Great opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration. Cassiano De Oliveira noted this is happening at the end of the semester and he would like to see something happening at the beginning of the semester / a back to school event to showcase student research.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Research event was very successful, well attended, everyone was pleased with all aspects of the event. Stephanie Forrest was very happy and pleased with the event.

Matt and Felicia are going to create the Honor Roll signage wall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Scholes Hall to showcase the honorees.

**5. Intellectual Property Subcommittee – Walter Gerstle (Chair), Michele Huff, University Counsel, Arash Musavi, Lisa Kuuttila**

- 5.1. Michele Huff provided background on intellectual property at UNM. There was previously a intellectual property committee (IPC). Faculty Senate Policy A61.13 (<http://handbook.unm.edu/A61.13.html>) designated an official standing faculty senate committee. IPC committee slowly stopped advising on intellectual property commercialization because the university made a decision that STC would handle the protection and commercialization of intellectual property. The committee then became a standing committee that adjudicated and mediated intellectual property rights. When M. Huff arrived here at UNM, IPC wasn't meeting and Faculty Senate Policy E70 (<http://handbook.unm.edu/E70.html>) was being written. It says there is no IPC but A61.13 is still on the books in the Faculty Handbook. E70.5.1.2 covers appeals of university ownership. VPRs constitute an advisory committee on the fly per E70. There is no longer a standing faculty committee.
- 5.2. **General Discussion:** Should RPC have an ad hoc IPC committee? Should there be a committee at the Faculty Senate level?
- 5.3. **Action Item:** RPC will discuss this at a future meeting for action/reporting at a spring Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Policies E70 and A61.13 need to be reconciled.
- 5.4. **Action Item:** Ask Lisa Kuuttila to share STC metrics at a future meeting.
6. Executive Research Administrative Committee (ERAC) report: Julia Coonrod, Cathy Qi
  - 6.1. Gerstle noted there is concern that ERAC does not represent the faculty. ERAC serves at the pleasure of the VPR. Julia Fulghum found the committee beneficial to get quick feedback and decisions. Faculty and administrators serve on the committee. With the interim VPR in flux, the office is in flux and now might not be the best time to merge RPC and ERAC. Gerstle feels like RPC should be in the loop with this committee from the point of view of information flow and for getting things done.
  - 6.2. ERAC Priorities:
    - 6.2.1. IRB – they have been review processes to improve the experience for researchers
    - 6.2.2. SRS – Safety and Risk Services
    - 6.2.3. Space – is a big issue and it goes hand in hand with safety. For example, Chemistry Labs are not in the best, safest condition they could be and retrofitting is not the best answer to remedy the problem.
    - 6.2.4. Celebration of Research
    - 6.2.5. Responsibility Centered Management - Andrew Cullen attends ERAC meetings as a representative to David Harris – presented to the group on RCM in research.
  - 6.3. Discussion: should the two committees be merged? Amy Neel noted ERAC was formed in 2007 because RPC at that time was inefficient. Dan Barkley was chair of RPC at that time and agreed that this was the case. ERAC is not tied to an official faculty body. The charges of RPC and ERAC are very similar and A. Neel wants to make a plea for connecting ERAC back to the RPC thereby giving ERAC more power and making it an official voice for faculty for research; and promoting communication between the faculty and the OVPR. There is now a Faculty Senate Research and Creative Works Council group chaired by Gerstle. ERAC's organizational structure is posted on their website

(<http://research.unm.edu/erac/ERACOrgChartFall2012.pdf>) and the minutes should be posted on the website as well (can Julie Coonrod provide a link?). Concern was raised that ERAC might be doing things RPC ought to be doing.

- 6.4. **Action Item:** Julia Coonrod will continue to attend RPC meetings to communicate about the workings of ERAC.

**7. Facilities and administrative subcommittee:**

- 7.1. Current members: Gerstle (chair), De Oliviera, West, Cathy Qi, Mary Anne Newhall, Raj Shah
- 7.2. **Action Item:** WG –Subcommittee will take action and propose an F&A distribution policy.

**8. Research Allocation Committee Task Force –**

- 8.1. Committee members: Gerstle, Lau, Hanson

**9. RAC Policy subcommittee -**

- 9.1. Committee members: Stephen Lau (Chair), Gilbert, Hanson, FreundSchuh, Gerstle
- 9.2. “Internal Grants to Foster the External Funding of Research on UNM’s Main Campus” proposal was written by Stephen Lau which is now being considered by Faculty Senate. This proposal increases internal research funds from \$200,000 to \$1.5 million. Amy Neel reports that she and Richard Holder spoke to the Provost about the proposal and he said no. The Provost suggested we figure out a way to do fundraising so that we could have an opportunity to do matching funds. Working with UNM Foundation, developing donors for community engaged scholarship, etc. Group discussed availability of start-up funds for faculty. We need to be more entrepreneurial in our efforts.

**10. Centers and Institutes subcommittee Report –**

- 10.1. Committee members: Hanson (Chair), Gerstle, DeOliviera, Neely
- 10.2. **Action Item:** Committee needs to meet.
- 10.3. **Action Item:** Teresa Neely added to the subcommittee

**11. Next meeting time and venue**

- 11.1. **8:30AM – 9:30AM, Wednesday, January 23rd, 2013, Zimmermann, Rm B48**

**12. Adjourn**