



Research Policy Committee

FINAL

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Via Zoom Video Conference

Voting Members Present: Karl Benedict, Fabiano Amorim, Laura Banks, Brandon Schmandt, Catherine Roster, Andrea Polli, Marek Osinski, Tito Busani, Lorenda Belone, James Blankenship

Voting Members Absent: Janie Chermak

Ex-officio and Guests: Mary Jo Daniel, Associate VP Research & Econ Development, and Elizabeth (Lisa) Kuuttila, President and CEO: STC UNM

Called to order at 10:31 am

Quorum was met.

1. Review and approve agenda

The committee approved the agenda for January 19, 2022.

2. Review and approval of minutes

Committee was not able to approve the November 2021 meeting minutes

The amendments made to the January 2022 minutes were approved.

3. Updates

- Karl wants to talk to Finnie about....
- Janie asked if the committee could request an alternative appointment from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Other areas to address are leadership and membership of the community.
- Chair Karl Benedict might be on sabbatical July through December.
- Laura's term will expire at the end of this year.
- New HSC rep needed to replace Laura.
- Vice chair position will have a vacancy. Vice chair will act as chair until Karl returns at the end of December. He would like to identify a vice chair to work as acting chair for first of next year.

Subcommittees:

- Official notification letter will come from the VPR office on CERL award. Karl will confirm whether VPR Ellen Fisher or himself will be following up with the recipient. Karl will be informing the nominees on the selection.
- A timeline for the ARL based on when the Office of Research wants the presentation will be established.



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- Announcements will go out mid-March. Call for accepting applications during Spring & Summer semester are due a week before fall semester starts. That would give time for subcommittee to review and vote as well as time for follow-up discussions.
- The rubric for ARL is like CERL.
- Winners will be invited to participate in reviews. Laura said she would put in the call and into the notes for the next CERL.
- The expectation is previous winners would come in at the subcommittee level. Clarifying the timeline to the committee so they are onboard and developing the recommendations to the committee.
- Marek suggest whoever is added to subcommittee becomes a full member of the subcommittee and participate in the meetings.
- Flexibility to include outside members is important. Likely choose expertise the committee wants to add. There was concern that it might create an unfair advantage.
- Prior award winners could be a benefit.
- In terms of COI, Karl thinks there is a mechanism in place for being able to handle that situation.
- Laura asked if we go forward with similar ARL criteria, rubric, voting. The committee needs to talk about the system online by the time we have our next meeting.
- A difficult aspect of reviewing applications was the nominee added personal supporting letters. It made it harder to compare. It was suggested detail guidance in the call would be helpful for communication in the letters. Laura will draft the ARL call and share on our Team space to prepare for mid-March release to get feedback from the committee
- Feedback on clarifications for A91.1 guidelines continues and how it relates to center reviews. They are developing, within the OVPR, category 3 centers. They are not doing anything with category 1 & 2 centers.
- Development of operational guidelines establishing, and reviewing will be for category 3 only.
- The process on commenting on A91 is not necessary as this is just clean up and updating. Karl suggested a subcommittee make review or approvals and bring back to the committee.



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- Center Reviews will be the normal review process. It was suggested to move to the Fall calendar and move from March to October.

4. New Business

No new business.

5. Adjourn

11:33 am

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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