University Research Council
Draft Minutes
March 8, 2013

Present: Salim Bawazir, Susan Beck, Vimal Chaitanya, Rebecca Creamer, Muhammad Dawood, Stephen Hanson, Shanna Ivey, Cathy Kinzer, Cathy Ortega-Klett (Sam Fernald), Collin Payne, Robert Smits, Steve Stochaj, Laura Thompson

Absent: Rani Alexander, Jeffrey Arterburn, Joanne Esparza, Richard Fortin, O.D. Hadfield, Kathleen Huttlinger, James Robinson

1. Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2013

Minutes were approved as presented.

2. URC Award for Creative Scholarly Activity – Need Volunteers for Review Panel

Rebecca Creamer, Muhammed Dawood, Steve Hanson and Laura Thompson volunteered to serve on the review panel. In needing an odd number of panelists to avoid a tie situation, Dr. Hanson who had served last year on the panel withdrew.

3. VPR Budget and Strategic Use – Letter to President Pacheco

Chair Ivey thanked members for their contribution to the letter via email. She said she would rewrite the letter and send to members before President Pacheco’s visit.

4. President Pacheco Visit Monday, April 8th - Power Point Presentation

A draft presentation was reviewed and suggestions made for edits. Chair Ivey told members she would provide an updated presentation to them prior to the meeting with President Pacheco.

5. Faculty Senate Update – Handout provided by Rani Alexander

After reviewing the Faculty Senate report handout provided by Rani Alexander, discussion commenced on the “A Memorial In Support of Creating a Mechanism for Long Term Sustainability of the Library’s Materials Budget” which will be discussed at the Faculty Senate’s Long Range Planning Committee on March 14th. The consensus was while the URC supports long term sustainability of the Library’s materials budget, they were uncomfortable with the terminology within the memorial to re-instate 5% of overhead (IDC) funds generated from competitive externally funded research and scholarly activities throughout the university. Steve Stochaj made a motion to strongly endorse the memorial with a slight modification in wording that the same source of funding that the library originally had not be used again as that funding is now being used to support research. The motion was seconded by Steve Hanson.

Minutes by Frances Schumacher