

UEC Minutes
October 14, 2013

Time: 0800

Place: Hadley Hall

Room: 130

Attendees: Garrey Carruthers (absent), Dan Howard, Kevin Boberg (absent), McKinley Boston, Tina Byford, Vimal Chaitanya, Sharon Jones, Bruce Kite, Maureen Howard, Ross Justus, Bernadette Montoya, Ricardo Rel, Angela Throneberry, Jeff Witte (Absent) , Ben Woods,

Guests: Anthony Parra

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	FOLLOW UP ACTION	EXPECTED DATE
I. Call to Order and Opening Comments	<p>Provost Howard briefed the group on his recent visit to Virginia tech. he commented on the rapid improvements they have made to their research portfolio and some of the practices they implemented to accomplish this. These include the use of research teams and the strategic reinvestment of research overhead funds.</p> <p>He next discussed the recent visit he made to the NMSU Small Animal Holding Facility and the great need that exists there for the institution to invest in a larger and better facility as a means to support the capacity of our researchers to successfully compete in today's market.</p>			
II. Follow Up Items from 09.23.13	<p>The following updates were provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VPJA search is underway with the assistance of Greenwood Asher. We anticipate posting and position descript finalized within a week. Expect campus visits in January - DACC search is also underway with applications due Jan 17th and interviews March 5th thru 7th. The search consultant is Association of CC Trustees 			
III. Updates on Lottery	Bernadette Montoya briefed the group on her recent meeting with others from across the state on the Lottery	Bernadette Montoya	Complete review of the fiscal impact of various	ASAP

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<p>Scholarship</p>	<p>Scholarship. Unfortunately the lottery panel ended deliberations without being able to reach a plan. She commented that our NMSU student representatives always represent us well. The news concerning the scholarship funding is bad. They anticipate a 50% shortfall by FY 15. There is still no clarity on what the situation and response will be for Spring 2014. This remains an emotional issue with many perspectives and competing ideas on how to solve the shortfall in funding versus needs.</p> <p>WE believe that the Secretary HED will submit his report by December 1. The only planned meeting for the future will be between students and legislators</p> <p>The proposal submitted by ASNMSU was not supported and no actuarial are planned to be run to review the fiscal impact it would have made.</p> <p>Bottom line – a forced shortfall in lottery scholarship payments will impact all of our scholarship students in some fashion and we must complete our plans on how we will address Need letters for those on major scholarships Need official position from NMSU regarding what we want for our students (RR)</p>	<p>Bernadette Montoya</p> <p>Members of UEC</p> <p>Bernadette Montoya</p> <p>Provost Howard</p>	<p>scenarios where the state reduces the payout of lottery scholarships</p> <p>Develop guidance to be provided to our Community College components</p> <p>Review draft letters to be sent out updating students on the situation w/ comments to Bernadette</p> <p>Need recommendation to President and Provost regarding the impact and response on honor scholarships</p> <p>Need to develop the official position that NMSU will take on Lottery during the upcoming legislative position</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>Next UEC meeting</p>

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		Bernadette / Ricardo / Angela	Need actuarial analysis for the NMSU proposal	1 st week November
IV. Upcoming University Events	Ben Reviewed the handout with highlighted events we foresee for the next several weeks. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TETWP activities - Homecoming Activities - Legislative Committee receptions - Employee Appreciation Picnic - BoR Meeting at DACC East Mesa 			
V. Potential Budget / Policy Legislative Issues	Ricardo briefed the group on the current list of potential issues that we might expect to deal with during the coming legislative session. They include the funding formula, research funding, compensation, ERB payments by employer, capital outlay, Non I&G requests, endowment enhancement for scholarships, fate of Lottery scholarship, policy issues on water, and other matters, Bruce inquired regarding how we might improve the analysis of bills that come up during the course of the session. Do we need to have standing meetings every morning? Is there a small group on campus that will sit down and review and create the position? Provost Howard asked that we seek guidance from the President on this matter.	Provost Howard / Ricardo Rel	Seek guidance from President on the preferred method for input and analysis of bills that will arise during the course of the session.	Prior to next UEC
VI. Revision 2 on NMSU Pet Policy	Lisa Warren provided background on the genesis of the effort. After much time and effort the proposed policy is	Bruce Kite / Lisa Warren	Carry the proposed policy change to UAC	November

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	<p>ready to present for consideration. It attempts to address service and companion animals, not animals in research and teaching. One main challenge is clarity of definition. For example, an emotional support animal and therapy animal are two different things. Another is defining reasonable accommodation in such matters.</p> <p>The Provost asked what was being planned to make faculty aware of this proposed policy and who would be point, once enacted, to address questions regarding implementation of the policy. The ensuing discussion underscored the complex and challenging issues that arise from the laws now in place regarding such issues.</p> <p>For example, under current law, service animals have the same right to public access as their owners but emotional support animals do not share the same rights. We have already had three phony emotional support animal situations. In addition, the lack of requirements (under fed laws) to show documentation creates a true challenge in enforcement.</p> <p>This will next go to UAC in November for 1st read.</p>			
VII. Open Comment	None recorded			
VIII. Next Meeting	October 28, 2013			