

**CORE MISSION RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2015**

Rex Gandy, Mohamed Abdelrahman, Martin Brittain, Phillip Brown, Kristen Compary, Michelle Duran, Duane Gardiner, Mary Gonzalez, Chris Hearon, Lallah Howard, Randy Hughes, Jennifer Minke, Chelsea Nkrumah, Bob Paulson, Robert Pena, Monica Ratcliff, Terisa Riley, Bruce Schueneman, Ralph Stephens, George Vargas, Brad Walker

**Announcements/Discussions/New Business**

- A. The minutes from the previous meeting (5-4-15) were approved by the committee.
- B. Dr. Lionel Hewett, Chair of the Department of Physics and Geosciences, presented a proposal to reclassify a portion of department chairs' administrative costs to the core mission. After consideration, the committee did not endorse the proposal.
- C. After final discussion, the recommendation presented by Dean Stephan Nix to combine the Department of Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering and the Department of Environmental Engineering was unanimously approved by the committee. The proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Tallant for his consideration.
- D. After final discussion, the committee voted on the proposal submitted by Dean Dolores Guerrero to combine the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics and Geosciences. The committee is considered three options: (1) make no changes; (2) combine the departments; and (3) leave the departments separate, but have one chair cover both departments. The recommendation of the committee was to make no changes to the departments.
- E. After final discussion, the recommendation presented by Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, to reclassify two current positions, eliminate three current positions, and add two new positions was unanimously approved by the committee. The proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Tallant for his consideration.
- F. Dr. Terisa Riley, Senior Vice President of Fiscal and Student Affairs, lead a discussion regarding organizational changes to the Office of Sustainability and the elimination of two open PINs from the Division of Fiscal and Student Affairs. Following the discussion, the committee unanimously approved the Dr. Riley's recommendations. The proposals will be forwarded to Dr. Tallant for his consideration.
- G. Mr. Randy Hughes, Chief of Staff, proposed the elimination of an open position in the Department of Marketing and Communications. Following discussion, the committee unanimously approved the recommendation. The proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Tallant for his consideration.