**UNL Research Council**

**April 18, 2014, Nebraska Union- Pewter Room**

**MINUTES**

***Present:*** Professors Albrecht, Awada, Burnett, Enders, Ferguson, Hachtmann, Powers, Sarroub, Soh and AVCR Werum.

***Call to Orde*r:** Sarroub called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

***Approval of Minutes February 3, 2014:***  Motion made to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion seconded and approved.

***Spring 2014 sub-committee review report (Visiting Scholar, Symposia and Distinguished Lecturers applications):***

Burnett and Soh discussed the applications for Visiting Scholar, Symposia and Distinguished Lecturer that were received for the March 14th deadline. A total of 11 applications were received. The recommendation is to fund 5 of the 8 visiting scholar applications at $800 each, fund both distinguished lecture applications and the one symposia application for the amounts that were submitted. Reasons for the recommendations were discussed. The members agreed with the sub-committee’s recommendations for funding.

***Elect and Vote for Research Council Vice-Chair:*** A paper ballot was distributed to the members to vote for the 2014-2015 vice-chair. Eligible members are: Frauke Hachtmann, Kwame Dawes, Robert Powers and Leen-Kiat Soh. Sarroub asked the members to rank each candidate from 1 – 4 with 1 being their first choice. The ballots were collected and Robert Powers was elected as the vice-chair for 2014-2015. Tala Awada served as vice-chair this year and will automatically assume the chair position for 2014-2015.

***Nebraska Lecture Series:*** Sarroub said Stephen Behrendt, who was the speaker for the April 16 lecture, was very good. Sarroub will distribute to the Council members via email, a paper that Behrendt referenced in his lecture.

***Announcements – AVCR Werum:*** Werum went over RFA changes that were made to the Faculty Seed Grant, Grants-in-Aid and Interdisciplinary Grant applications. Benefits and tuition can now be included in the budget for graduate students (if eligible). Changes were also made to NUgrant so Council members can edit their comments regarding the applications they’re assigned to review.

Sarroub thanked the members for their service to the Council this year. Werum thanked Sarroub and Awada for all of their hard work during the year.

***Adjournment:*** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.