



Energy Resources Council

Minutes

August 21, 2020

ZOOM

7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cindy Crane called the regular ERC meeting to order at 7:31 AM.

ATTENDANCE

ERC Members Present

Cindy Crane, WY Senator Jim Anderson, Carl Bauer, Tom Botts, Mark Doelger, David Emery, WY House Rep. Mike Greear, Vello Kuuskraa, Charlene Russell. Ex-Officio members: Randall Luthi, UW President Ed Seidel and Dave True

ERC Members Absent

John Koprowski

SER Staff in Attendance

Holly Krutka, Emma Jane Alexander, Steve Carpenter, Tim Considine, Rachel Ferrell, Pam Henderson, Richard Horner, Scott Quillinan and Trish Steger

Others in Attendance

Mohammad Piri and John Hoak

MEETING ITEMS BY DETAIL

Approval of Agenda

Motion: A motion by Senator Anderson to accept the agenda with one addition: add speaker, John Hoak, New Era Petroleum Inc. to the agenda. Carl Bauer seconded it. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of May 2020 and June 2020 Minutes

Motion: A motion by Dave Emery to accept the minutes as presented. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

Introductions

Chairwoman Crane introduced UW President Seidel to the members of the Energy Resources Council.

Reports/Motions

- COVID 19

Trish Steger provided the ERC members with a copy of the UW's current COVID-19 action plan. She pointed out that all visitors, including standing boards and committees would be required to wear masks while on the UW campus. She further explained that most of SER's staff would continue to work remotely with limited in-office contact to allow for lower population density in the building. The lower staff density would allow SER the opportunity to provide for more researchers to be present and continue full research capabilities. All staff and researchers have been provided with adequate PPE. Shift schedules for the labs have been set up to allow for social distancing.

- Executive Director's Report

Holly Krutka expressed her appreciation to the ERC members and the SER staff for helping SER to fulfill its mission. She informed the council of the academic review which has been set up to assess the SER program. The review will assist in determining future development goals, improving cost per students, and assess the students' campus learning experience. SER has hired David Whitman to lead the review. The core group will consist of SER faculty, SER staff and Associate Vice President, Steve Barrett. Meetings are already in process and will continue through November 2020.

SER is actively reviewing and building articulation agreements with community colleges to assist with student transfers. Staff are building a break out of demographics of both, the students leaving our program and students SER hopes to recruit, to better serve our recruitment efforts. It is acknowledged that SER has the ability to offer applied research, not theoretical. This is a definite strength of the program and SER needs to tell this story better and push it strongly to assist recruitment.

SER faculty are procuring research grants, but SER is not receiving credit or acknowledgement. A strategic review of the SER faculty model needs to be undertaken.

The Wold Chair is complete and approved by Academic Affairs and the Wold family. A priority for the chair position will be a focus on research and teaching. SER is currently working with the interim

provost to launch a search and bring the selected individual on board. The position should be filled by the end of this year. An update will be provided at the November ERC meeting. The Anadarko, now OXY chair is being split into two chairs and thus the search is on hold.

SER has investigated the possibility of a national CO2 storage test facility. The Department of Energy (DOE) is interested, but funds are not currently available. Outreach was made to Wyoming Senator Barrasso and Wyoming Senator Enzi. The ERC advised clear definition of the project if SER is going to push for funding outside of the DOE. This could include a one-page site vision and/or an informational brochure. The project should also be reassessed for viability.

*Full copies of the following SER reports/PPT are available in the August 2020 **ERC Notebook** or upon request.*

- Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (EORI) – Steve Carpenter
- Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media (COIFPM) – John Hoak and Mohammad Piri
- Academics – Tim Considine
- *Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis – Kipp Coddington presented during the ERC Dinner, August 20, 2020*
- Center for Economic Research – Scott Quillinan
- Engagement – Scott Quillinan
- 3D Visualization Center- Emma Jane Alexander
- Emerging Technologies – Richard Horner
- SER Finance – Holly Krutka and Rachel Ferrell

New Business

Trish Steger provided the ERC members with the proposed meeting dates for 2021. Several members indicated they had conflicts with some of the dates. Dates will be re-evaluated and once determined will be provided to the ERC.

Executive Session

Motion: Dave Emery moved that the meeting move into executive session. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection. The executive session concluded at 12:34 PM and the ERC returned to regular session for the purpose of adjournment.

Adjournment

Motion: Carl Bauer moved the meeting adjourned. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Next Meeting Details

The next meeting of the ERC will be held November 12 & 13, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This meeting will also have a joint session with the UW Board of Trustees.

Tasks and Assignments

- Provide an update on the Wold Chair- November meeting
- Clearly define a national CO2 storage test center
 - 1) Provide a one-page vision for the site
 - 2) Create an informational brochure
 - 3) Re-assess for viability
- Add WY legislators to stakeholders list
- Provide an update on ADNOC – November meeting (PIRI)
- Develop demographic information for the academic report
- Set up a doodle poll for the ERC to determine alternate meeting dates

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cindy Crane
Chairperson

James Anderson
Vice-Chairperson