Energy Resources Council

Minutes
April 16, 2021

ZOOM
7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

ERC Members Present


ERC Members Absent

Dave Emery and John Koprowski

SER Staff and Faculty in Attendance

Holly Krutka, Lon Whitman, Tim Considine, Kipp Coddington, Scott Quillinan, Rachel Ferrell, Richard Horner, Emma Jane Alexander, Christine Reed, Jerry Evans, Selena Gerace, Carrie Ver Berg, Bruce Parkinson and Trish Steger

Others in Attendance

Mary Ivanoff

ERC MEETING ITEMS BY DETAIL

Call to Order

Chairwoman Crane called the regularly scheduled ERC meeting to order at 7:22 AM.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Senator Anderson motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Carl Bauer seconded it. Motion passed without objection.
Approval of November 2020 Minutes

Motion: Senator Anderson motioned to accept the minutes with one change – correct the date to read November 2020. Carl Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

Reports/Motions

- Executive Director’s Report
  Holly Krutka provided an overview of SER activities. Clarification was requested regarding the new energy minor. Dr. Krutka explained there were two classes required, Energy & Society and Energy Markets & Policy. Twelve hours are required for the minor and they can be individually tailored to meet the student’s needs. The minor was developed because non-major students had expressed an interest in energy via a UW academic program study and also to recruit new students to SER’s undergraduate major.

  SER is undergoing an internal audit triggered by a change in leadership.

- SER Budgets
  Carbon Engineering funds have not been spent as projected due to a slow rollout in research. COVID 19 impacts and weather conditions have caused the delay. Fortunately, this will not affect the budget as these funds roll over into next fiscal year and exception funds do not revert.

  SER’s research grant tracking has been separated from those of Dr. Mohammad Piri.

  Regarding the Occidental Chair in Energy and Environmental Policy, SER and the Haub School are jointly administering the endowment for this chair. It is expected that this chair holder will collaborate with CERPA and Kipp Coddington’s presence on the search committee will ensure that the favored candidate understands the need for collaboration with CERPA.

  Full copies of the following SER reports/PPT are available in the April 2021 ERC Notebook or upon request.

- Executive Director – Holly Krutka
- SER Finance – Rachel Ferrell
- Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (EORI) – Steve Carpenter
- Academics – Tim Considine
- 3D Visualization Center – Emma Jane Alexander
- Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis – Kipp Coddington
- Center for Economic Geology Research – Scott Quillinan
- Center for Carbon Capture and Conversion – Richard Horner
- Outreach – Christine Reed
Executive Session

Members of the ERC adjourned regular session and entered into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Adjournment

Members of the ERC reconvened into regular session for the purpose of new business and adjournment. Seeing no new business Senator Anderson motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Carl Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Next Meeting Details

The next meeting of the ERC is scheduled for June 17 and 18, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Tasks and Assignments

1) As needed and requested by legislators, including during the next session, CERPA will provide carbon credit and offset information.
2) Send Mark Doelger the Energy minor information.
3) Update Gift Account report with current numbers and add the Chair expenditures and develop a plan to use funds from Foundation accounts.
4) Add Mike Greear to the EORI commission list and begin to send communication notices.
5) Hold a separate meeting or communication with select ERC members and CERPA to discuss FY22 projects.
6) SER should prepare a one-page report regarding the funding needs to start up a new Hydrogen Center.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Cindy Crane                     James Anderson
Chairperson                     Vice-Chairperson