

UCAR  
University Relations Committee  
11 October 2006  
Boulder, Colorado  
UCAR Center Green Campus

DRAFT NOTES

The University Relations Committee (URC) met at the Center Green Campus in Boulder, Colorado, immediately following the UCAR Members Meeting.

URC Members present:

Jim Hansen, Naval Research Laboratory, Chairman  
Kerry Cook, Cornell University  
Gordon Farquharson, NCAR/EOL  
Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, University of Minnesota  
Vanda Grubisic, Desert Research Institute  
Eve Grunfest, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
John Merrill, University of Rhode Island  
Michael Morgan, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Joyce Penner, University of Michigan  
Richard Orville, Texas A&M University  
Alan Robock, Rutgers University  
Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, UOP/COMET  
Anne Thompson, University of Michigan  
Sepideh Yalda, Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Len Pietrafesa, North Carolina State University

NSF:

Cliff Jacobs, Head of UCAR & Lower Atmospheric Facilities Oversight Section

UCAR, NCAR and UOP attendees:

Richard Anthes, President of UCAR  
Rena Brasher Alleva, Director, Budget and Planning, NCAR  
Guy Basseur, Associate Director, ESSL/NCAR  
Jack Fellows, Vice President UCAR Corporate Affairs & Director of UOP  
Aneka Finley, Administrative Assistant, UCAR  
Bill Holland, Director, Mesoscale and Microscale Meteorology  
Susan Friberg, Governance Liaison, UCAR  
Maura Hagan, Director, ASP/NCAR  
Tim Killeen, Director of NCAR  
Valerie Koch, Budget Analyst, NCAR  
Hanne Mauriello, Manager of Budget and Administration, UOP  
Larry Winter, Deputy Director of NCAR  
Roger Wakimoto, Associate Director, ESSL/NCAR

## 1. Introductions and Agenda Review

URC Chairman, Jim Hansen, asked for approval of the agenda as written. No changes were made.

## 2. Welcome to the Committee

UCAR President, Rick Anthes, welcomed the committee, thanked them for their attendance, and presented a general overview of the responsibilities of the URC.

## 3. Approval of April 2006 Meeting Notes.

Chairman Hansen asked for approval of the notes from the April 2006 URC meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the notes as written.

## 4. Faculty Fellowship Program

Maura Hagen, Director of the Advanced Study Program at NCAR, reported on the latest round of applications for support from the ASP Faculty Fellowship Program. This program provides support for faculty employed at universities to work in residence at NCAR for a determined time, and for NCAR Scientists to spend a period of time in residence at US universities. She reported that there are 29 applicants for this year's awards. While high interest in the program is gratifying, Hagan said, there are many more applications than the current budget will allow; to put it in perspective, she said, there were five applicants last year. She also reported that ASP is working to streamline and standardize the application process and put it online. The URC offered a number of suggestions and Alan Robock, a member of the Faculty Fellowship sub-committee advising on the selection of awardees, asked for a final report on proposals funded. The sub-committee also suggested an earlier application deadline to allow enough time to review the applications before the spring URC meeting. A new subcommittee was formed for 2007: Alan Robock, Sepideh Yalda, and John Merrill.

## 5. URC Proposal Subcommittee Report

Michael Morgan, chair of the non-NSF and non-core proposal review committee reported that the committee reviewed 15 proposals selected at random from the January through July 2006 NCAR and UOP proposal submissions. There were essentially two overall questions coming out the review: one related to clarifying the level of collaboration on a number of proposals, as opposed to just stating that there would indeed be collaboration, and the second asking for clarification of whether or not the proposal was for a non-core project, as opposed to a basic research funded activity. However, Morgan noted that the majority of the proposals met the criteria. After discussion, Larry Winter reported that changes to the advance notice system—an NCAR proposal tracking system—will be made to require stronger letters of

collaborative support from universities, and that graduate student support and number of GAUs requested will also factor more prominently in the system.

Morgan then called attention to the NCAR proposal submission Criteria and review Procedures recently revised by Jack Fellows and Larry Winter, saying that the subcommittee will discuss and recommend any changes. Fellows noted the new criteria should be finalized at the April 2007 URC meeting. Cliff Jacobs thanked the group for their work reviewing this group of proposals and reminded them that the issues will most likely never be fully resolved, and “that the best that can be done is to manage it well.” Morgan will continue as chair for 2007, with ST Wu and Dick Orville serving, as well.

#### 6. Annual Meeting post-mortem.

The members of the URC gave their feedback on the member meeting; some of the comments were :

- There were too many tours offered.
- Reduce the acronyms used in the reports and powerpoints.
- UCAR/NCAR/UOP should increase visibility at the highest levels of the universities and should think about an informational packet for deans or provosts, or plan a special session at the Annual Meeting for them in order to bring more visibility to the atmospheric and related sciences.
- Plan for longer open discussion sessions, and more networking opportunities.
- Continue to invite early career faculty members to the meeting
- The break out sessions to discuss the strategic plan were very successful and the wrap up was very helpful.

#### 7. The URC convened in Executive Session

Jim Hansen led the discussion about extending the relationship between the NCAR labs and the universities through more collaborative work even beyond the current levels. There was discussion of proposals coming from universities and NCAR scientists being named as collaborators. The URC also talked about how NCAR could work with more university students, suggesting an NCAR/university joint student mentoring program, and a joint appointment opportunity where NCAR would support one of its staff scientists for a half-time appointment at a university. Roger Wakimoto noted the success of the EOL HAIS model for instrumentation of the HIAPER aircraft: the university community is building the instruments for that solicitation, with NCAR/EOL holding the user workshops and managing the flight schedule of the aircraft. URC members reminded the division and lab directors that the members of the committee would be happy to serve on any of the lab or division advisory committees.

8. New URC Chair.

Jim Hansen passed the gavel to the new URC chairwoman, Kerry Cook. The committee agreed that the spring meeting would be held in Monterey, California.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

End of Meeting Notes