

**University of Tennessee Research Council**

**January 29, 2007**

**Fourth Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower**

**3:30-5:00 PM**

**Attending:**

Thomas Handler, Chair	Tom Ladd
JoAnne M. Hall, Vice-Chair	Carol Malkemus
Mary Bartolini	Lillian Mashburn
Wayne T. Davis	Faye O. Muly
Arlene Garrison	Stefanie Ohnesorg
Randall Gentry	Lee Riedinger
W. Frank Harris	Carol Tenopir

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from December 11, 2006 were approved as presented.

**Comments from the Research Office and Associate Deans:**

Dr. Riedinger reviewed the discussions that have continued about the Cherokee campus. The original proposal is very expensive. Current thinking is possibly to split building plans into multiple phases (or pods). The new electrical and computer engineering building is slated for construction on the east campus with groundbreaking this spring (May) and construction to begin in the June-July timeframe. Dr. Riedinger reviewed the status of the energy research planning he is leading and gave an update of Governor's Chair searches (some offers out but no acceptances at this time), and an update of the search for the Vice Chancellor for Research (airport interviews by mid-April). The internal search for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research will be internal and will commence shortly.

Dr. Harris reminded the Research Council of up-coming award competitions.

On the federal relations front, Mrs. Mashburn reported that a full year continuing resolution (CR) had been passed. Congress' intent is to modify the terms of the CR such that additional funds will go to some of the science agencies (DOE, NSF). She is collecting information on faculty in key areas to give to our Washington consultant in the event opportunities come about for providing testimony on issues before Congress.

**Old Business:**

Dr. Handler reported that center reviews from the last cycle have been completed and are in circulation.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Faye Muly (OIT) joined the group and reviewed several problems with e-mail and information technology on multiple fronts. She pledged to work with faculty and others to systematically address the several concerns raised. These included e-mail, networking and key connections to high-speed, broad band networks such as Starlight, National Lambda Rail and others. Correcting these issues will be limited by human and fiscal resources, but she pledged to work through them in an open and attentive manner.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM