

**Research Council Meeting  
January 9, 2013  
Blount Hall  
Room 403**

**FINAL**

**Attendees**

Lee Han, Chair	Holly Mercer
Itamar Arel	Robert Muenchen
George Dodds	Greg Reed
Bill Dunne	Tina Shepardson
Martin Griffin	Dixie Thompson
Federico Harte	Songning Zhang
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Maggie Guy, GSS
Yuir Kamyshev	

**Guests**

Carol Malkemus, Kelly Steele, David Washburn

Lee Han opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to refreshments and distributed an updated agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tina Shepardson and Martin Griffin provided a copy of the draft of the minutes with a few typos/grammar corrections. The minutes with the suggested corrections were unanimously approved.

**Special Presentation – David Washburn, VP of UTRF**

Han introduced David Washburn, VP of the University of Tennessee Research Foundation (UTRF). Washburn has been in this position for 14 months, and he presented accomplishments, vision, mission, and strategic intent.

UTRF has a new logo and a tweeter account.

UTRF had one staff person processing inventions when Washburn was hired. They have hired two more, so including Washburn, they now have four. There are two in Memphis plus the VP.

Washburn's discussed the following issues in his presentation:

- Table showing metrics from FY 2011-2013 for disclosures, patents filed, patents issued, license & options, start ups, and royalties earned,
- Where UTRF is going in the next 1-2 years
- Protection – Spent on Patents
- Productivity
- Maturation Award

UTRF recently presented the Wheeley Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer to Tami Wyatt, associate professor in the College of Nursing at UTK, and Gabor Tigyi, chair of the Department of Physiology at the UT Health Science Center.

Cliff Hawks was recently hired as President and CEO for Cherokee Farms.

#### **Update from Office of Research – Greg Reed, Associate VC for Research**

Greg Reed gave an update for Taylor Eighmy, VC for Research and Engagement. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Listening Session will be on Mon., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the UT Conference Center. All the members of the Research Council and Faculty Senate are invited. The purpose of the session is to get feedback on how to be more successful. All feed-back will be captured and put on the Office of Research website to be used for planning and programming going forward.

Reed gave an update on application for Carnegie classification, which is an interface between research and outreach.

Reed discussed various funding opportunities coming up this semester. Each opportunity has detailed information on the Office of Research website.

- Undergraduate Research Summer Internships
- Chancellor Awards
- ORU Budget Hearings
- Summer GRA Research Assistantship

Reed mentioned that there were originally three Listening Sessions scheduled. The last one was scheduled for Dec. 4, 2012 but was rescheduled to Jan. 14, 2013. Eighmy will start finalizing his plan for the Office of Research after the last session and will give his plan at the next Research Council Meeting.

The Office of Research has a “Sequestration” link on their website to keep track of what is going on in Congress. This site updates daily. This link is provided as a service to everyone to keep them updated.

#### **Business Items**

##### **Software Review**

Doug Birdwell chaired a Research Council Committee to review two software packages for the Office of Research. The two packages were COS and SciVal. A report was submitted from the committee to Reed recommending the purchase of SciVal.

##### **Centers Review**

Martin Griffin reported that there are no new updates. There are three centers to be reviewed this semester.

##### **Chancellor’s Awards**

Tina Shepardson is chairing the Chancellor Awards Committee. The committee will review the proposals immediately after the deadline for the proposals in order to make recommendations to the Chancellor in a timely fashion.

##### **Software**

Bob Muenchen discussed three new site licenses that are now available: Mathematica; Qualtrics; and ALTAS.ti.

NVivo is available on the server at apps.utk.edu. This is on trial for one year.

Holly Mercer discussed a software that the Library and the Office of Research are purchasing which checks for plagiarism. A demo of this software will be presented to the Research Council after the licensing process is complete. This software will be on the Library's website, and a link will be on the Office of Research website.

Reed discussed how NSF is now running proposals through plagiarism software. As plagiarism is found, the university is asked to do an investigation. Some of the journals are talking about doing this on journal reports.

#### **Research Representation on the Hill**

Han mentioned his concern for the lack of research representation on the Hill in Washington, DC. This will be a topic discussed at a later meeting.

#### **Research Staff leave Accrue ment Policy**

Han mentioned staff leave being accrued on grants and if the staff person moves to another grant, that grant is responsible for the leave accrued. This will be a topic discussed at a later meeting.

Heather Hirschfeld will be invited to the next Research Council meeting to discuss the Marco Institute.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 13, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor