

**Research Council Meeting**

**January 14, 2015**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Blount Hall**

**Room A004**

**FINAL**

**Attendees**

Tina Shepardson (Chair)	Holly Mercer
Benjamin Auerbach	Robert Muenchen
Chris Boake	Janet Nelson
Ian Down	Jenny Onley, GSS
Bill Dunne	Christian Parigger
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Dawnie Steadman
Rebecca Klenk	Bobbie Suttles (representing Suzie Allard)
Nathan Meek	Dixie Thompson

**Guest**

Carol Malkemus, Robert Nobles, and Jennifer Webster

**Welcome by the Chair – Tina Shepardson**

Tina Shepardson thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting.

Tina Shepardson is working this semester on finding someone to serve as chair of the Research Council next academic year.

**Vote on approval of minutes from December**

The December Research Council Meeting minutes were not presented for approval because there was not a quorum of RC members present. Tina Shepardson asked if there were any suggested changes to the minutes. No one responded.

**Presentation – Janet Nelson**

Tina Shepardson presented today's guest speaker, Janet Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Development. Janet Nelson thanked everyone for the opportunity to present on the Office of Research Development's NIH Strategic Plan. She gave a presentation titled "Overview of UT NIH Engagement Strategy". She began her presentation with her professional history which shows that she has a lot of NIH experience from agencies such as Los Alamos, National Institute of Health, NETL, Parsons, Wavefunction, and URS. Janet Nelson has been involved in reviewing NIH proposals and compared the old paper copy process to the electronic process. Janet Nelson explained the goals and mission of NIH. "NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability." She discussed the following topics to give everyone a better understanding of the complicated nature of NIH.

- Research Award Mechanisms
- NIH Appropriations in Current and Constant Dollars
- NIH Funding for Research Project Grants
- NIH Success Rates

- NIH Summary of NIH Funding Trends (FY 1995-2013)

Janet Nelson gave a comparison of how UT NIH funding relates to peer institutions both with and without medical schools. She has completed an evaluation of UT resources and is optimistic that we can grow this portfolio. She presented a series of initiative that will be launched to achieve that goal including:

- Campus Resources – A Starting Point: UT Active NIH Research Awards
- Campus Resources – UT Faculty Success Stories
- Campus Resources – Expanding the Players
- Community Building – Internal Partners
- Community Building – External Collaborators & Contacts
- Training & Development
- Training & Development – Goal: Bring NIH Regional Seminar to UT

There will be an NIH Kickoff Open House on February 18, 2015. An announcement will be in the Office of Research & Engagement's newsletter.

Janet Nelson asked for questions and comments at the end of her presentation. Questions or comments may be sent to [janet.nelson@utk.edu](mailto:janet.nelson@utk.edu).

## **Business**

### **Committee updates**

#### **Centers Review Committee – Tina Shepardson**

There are three centers under review this semester, and each centers review is due to the committee for review around the end of January.

#### **Chancellor's Awards Committee – Ben Auerbach**

Ben Auerbach reported that several nominations have already been submitted. He has received several questions on the clarification of appropriate/required information to submit.

#### **Update on conversations about IRB, IBC, iMedris – Robert Nobles**

Robert Nobles reported that a national organization (PRIMR – Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) has been invited to come to campus and give a full day workshop at the end of the semester regarding conducting human subjects research within the regulatory framework. The contract for the organization to come is still under negotiations. The workshop will be available to members of the IRB, faculty, staff, and students. The workshop will focus on social behavior research, including conducting survey research. An agenda will be distributed once the date is confirmed, but is tentatively scheduled for April 27th.

#### **Bylaws update – Tina Shepardson**

The Faculty Senate has sent out an e-mail to all Faculty Senate Committee Chairs to review and discuss each committee's bylaws. Tina Shepardson explained that the RC updated their bylaws last year, so it is uncertain whether the RC needs to review their bylaws at this time. There was a discussion about making the RC larger or smaller and allowing ex-officio members voting rights.

**Core Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC)**

Bob Muenchen gave an update CFAC which he is a member of representing the RC. He reported the CFAC had their first meeting and discussed their goals and how core facilities can be shared, and the CFAC stressed the importance of collecting the core facilities to the Top 25. The CFAC also supported the previous committee's recommendation that a CFAC Director be appointed.

**New Business****Speaker suggestions?**

Chris Boake will give a presentation at the February 11, 2015, meeting on the construction of new facilities on campus.

Sally Morris, \_\_\_\_\_, will give a presentation at the March meeting

Marisa Moazen, Director of Undergraduate Research in the Office of Research & Engagement, will present on undergraduate research at the April 8, 2015 meeting.

Tina Shepardson considered organizing and advertising the RC speakers to the campus community. An announcement could be posted on the events calendar, ORE's website, and ORE's announcement. There was a discussion on various speakers to invite, and the speakers who have presented at Mic Night was used as an example. It was suggested that Taylor Eighmy be invited to speaker about how faculty can participate in IACM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor