

RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2013

Blount Hall

Room 403

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair

Ahmad Vakili

Martin Griffin

Yuri Kamyshev

Songning Zhang

Stephen Paddison

Joanne Hall

Holly Mercer

Maggie Guy

George Dodds

Bill Dunne

Tina Shepardson

Doug Birdwell

Bob Muenchen

Christine Boake

Frederico Harte

Kim Newkirk

Guests

Carol Malkemus, Kelly Steele

Lee Han opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and a reminder that refreshments were available. He distributed an updated agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Special Presentation - Heather Hirschfeld, Director of the Marco Institute

Han introduced Heather Hirschfeld, Director of the Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Hirschfeld has been in this position for two years. She presented the basics of what Marco does including the Institute's promotion of the engagement of disciplines with one another to conduct research. Heather Hirschfeld gave a presentation as representative of inter-disciplinary research in the humanities generally and specifically as a representative of the MARCO Institute. She gave basic definitions for humanities and inter-disciplinary activity in the humanities. Her presentation was followed with questions from attendees.

Business Items

Centers Review

Martin Griffin reported a March 30 deadline for three centers to turn in their 5-year report for review. Reminders are being sent out to this effect.

Chancellor's Awards

Tina Shepardson reported that the committee concluded the selection process on February 13 and that candidates' names were submitted for the three award categories. A number of issues were identified with respect to the submission materials for this award process. The committee recommended certain revisions of the nomination form's front sheet for clarity.

GRA Review

Kim Newkirk is appointed to chair this committee and lead the evaluation and selection process in the next weeks. An amount of \$3600 will be available for each selected applicants.

ORU Review

Four one-half day sessions are planned and members were urged to attend at least two of the four sessions. Forms are to be completed and turned in at the review. Paddison reported that an email would be sent out with specific dates for the review along with a request for each individual to attend on specific dates. The scheduled dates for the review are March 4 & 5 and March 11 & 12. The goal is to have at least three committee members in addition to Drs. Eighmy and Reed in attendance at each session. ORU Review was initiated as an experiment by Greg Reed and Wes Hines a few years ago. In general, the Review has been received positively and there may be a need for fine-tuning.

A general discussion about research suggested that a multidisciplinary approach to research is the best vehicle on campus for getting funding; research that leads to additional funding should be a goal.

Software

Bob Muenchen mentioned three new site licenses that are now available: Mathematica; Qualtrics; and ATLAS.ti. For qualitative analyses of text, audio and video recordings, ATLAS.ti is recommended. NVivo, also useful for qualitative analyses, was mentioned; it is available at app.utk.edu.

A speaker for the March meeting has not been confirmed. Dr. Han suggested that Eighmy might be able to report to the Council on his listening sessions and share his visions. Tom Heffernan has been confirmed as the speaker for the April.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cindy Scott