

University of Tennessee Research Council

February 16, 2009

University Center, Executive Dining Room, Room 337

3:30 p.m.

FINAL

Attending:	Joanne Hall, Chair	James Larson
	Bill Blass, Vice Chair	Carol Malkemus
	Ken Stephenson, Vice Chair	Abby Mello, GSS
	Mary Bartolini	Stefanie Ohnesorg
	Christopher Clark	Thandi Onami
	Bill Dunne	Ken Phillips
	Brad Fenwick	Gina Pighetti
	Matthew Fleisher, GSS	Greg Reed
	Doug Hayes	Travis Rosenthal, GSS
	Bill Hofmeister	Klaus Vandenberg
	Yuri Kamyshkov	

Approval of Minutes:

The November 10, 2008 meeting minutes were amended to include Stefanie Ohnesorg as attending. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks – Joanne Hall

Joanne Hall thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She introduced the guest speaker, Linda Phillips, Professor & Head, Scholarly Communication, University of Tennessee Libraries.

Joanne Hall briefly discussed and distributed a report titled “Sponsored Projects Ledgers Guiding Principles.”

Brad Fenwick distributed and described:

QUEST Magazine – This is the first edition. Brad Fenwick encourages all colleges to submit information for the magazine. The plans are to publish 3 -4 magazines a year and to have all the colleges recognized throughout the year. The magazine is also on QUEST website. Contact the Office of Research if you have information to publish.

Annual Report – This report highlights information on research, major awards, scholarships, trend analysis, and etc. for the past five years.

Quarterly Report – This report is based on year-to-date productivity on research, major awards, scholarships, trend analysis, and etc. Last year was a record year for proposals submitted and awarded. The graphs on the back of this report are not designed to be compared from one college to another. It is a trend analysis over the past five years which is meant to encourage units to continue to grow. The information on this report is available to deans and department heads to use to break down within their college and/or department.

Brad Fenwick stated that grants and contracts generate more funds than tuition and state funding. Therefore, winning grants and contracts helps. The Office of Research has been tracking the Stimulus Bill which will provide a tremendous amount of funding through agencies such as NSF, NIT, and etc. This funding will be awarded soon. Faculty should be preparing proposals now so they can react on time in order to get some of these funds. Whoever receives some of this money will be more competitive in the future.

Greg Reed presented the Research Data & Research Tangible Property Policies Update based on comments and suggestions received from the faculty and the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the revisions was made by Yuri Kamyshev and seconded by Bill Hofmeister. No one opposed.

Abby Mello and Matthew Fleischer, Graduate Student Senate Representatives, distributed the results of a Graduate Student Research Survey they have conducted. This survey demonstrates how graduate students feel about their experiences. Overall, students were very pleased with their experiences.

Linda Phillips, Professor & Head, Scholarly Communication, University of Tennessee Libraries, gave a presentation titled “UT’s Digital Repository: Sustainable Services in an Evolving Scholarly Publishing Culture.” The topics discussed were: Digital Repository Definitions; Repository Benefits to Faculty; Chronicle of Higher Education References to University Repositories; Publisher Copyright Policies & Self-Archiving; University of Tennessee Libraries Scholarly Communication Site; and University Repositories Featured in the Slides.

Bill Blass stated that it is time to review the Chancellor Award Nominations for the Research and Creative Achievement Award and the Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement Award. The committee will meet soon to select the awardees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor