

Research Council Meeting
March 11, 2015
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Blount Hall, Room A004

FINAL

Attendees

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| Tina Shepardson (Chair) | Ramki Kalyanaraman |
| Benjamin Auerbach | Rebecca Klenk |
| Chris Boake | Holly Mercer |
| Matthew Cooper | Robert Muenchen |
| Ian Down | Robert Nobles |
| Alex Freire | Christian Parigger |
| Taylor Eighmy | Dawnie Steadman |
| Irene Hanning-Jarquin | Jenny Onley (GSS) |
| Sadie Hutson | |

Guest

Mitchell Goldman

Welcome by the Chair – Tina Shepardson

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

Vote on approval of minutes for December, January, and February

Tina Shepardson presented the December 10, 2014; January 14, 2015; and February 11, 2015 minutes for approval with the December 10, 2014 and February 11, 2015 minutes being amended to include Dawnie Steadman as an attendee. The December, January, and February meetings were unanimously approved with the suggested amendment.

Presentation on foundation funding – Sally Morris, UT Foundation (ORE)

Sally Morris, Director of Foundation Engagement, gave a presentation titled "Connecting Industry and Foundations through Collaborative Innovation". The University of Tennessee Research Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that promotes the commercialization of UT intellectual property, encourages an entrepreneurial culture, contributes to state and regional economic development, and promotes research and education to benefit the people of Tennessee and beyond. There is a joint endeavor between UT Foundation and the Office of Research & Engagement (ORE). The Office of Corporate and Foundation Engagement (OCFE) serves as the single, visible point of entry, or "front door" for companies and foundations seeking access to university resources. Staff of the OCFE coordinate the University's industry and foundation relationships from one centralized office, leveraging its efforts to enhance transformational partnerships, and provide a simplified approach for corporations and foundations to access campus research and faculty expertise. OCFE works to create and expand partnerships with industry and foundations by linking business needs to university resources. OCFE's main objectives are to become the one-stop shop for companies and foundations, work across all units, promote faculty engagement, enhance partnerships with industry and foundations, and represent university priorities. Taylor Eighmy and Sally Morris explained how OCFE and ORE work closely together for careful targeting and coordinating approaches of proposals to Top 25-50 Professional Foundations. Working with OCFE helps make connections to Program Officers, facilitate interaction with faculty,

enable collaboration, track deadline, proposal review with eye to foundations, stay current on trends and leadership changes, ties to Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and knowledge of University resources. Faculty are encouraged to present at conferences, serve as reviewers or board members, partner with other researchers, apply to RFPs, and work with OCFR. Sally Morris explained how to establish relationships with foundations and how to be aware of foundation opportunities. OCFR's continuum is awareness, involvement, support, multiple submissions and multiple funded awards, and strategic partnership. Questions may be directed to Marc Gibson at mgibson4@utk.edu or Sally Morris at smorris@utfi.org.

Business

Core Facilities Director Search Committee (Bob Muenchen) – Tina Shepardson

The Core Facilities Director Search Committee has been formed. Bob Muenchen is one of the committee members. Tina Shepardson thanked Research Council members for agreeing to be on various committees.

SARIF GRA Committee – Tina Shepardson

The SARIF GRA Committee has been formed: Ian Down (Chair), Chris Boake, Sadie Hutson, and Aricola Odoi.

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

Robert Nobles gave an update on IRB. The IRB process is dealing with a high volume of reviews. Two staff positions and a faculty fellow position have been approved. Marlys Staudt has been appointed as faculty fellow and Vice Chair of the IRB to assist with IRB leadership and to assess mechanism to increase review efficiency. Robert Nobles has funds to hire a second IRB Compliance Officer, and the search committee is Marlys Staudt (Chair), Charlie Noble, Matthew Cooper, Carol Malkemus, and Jane Burns. Shepardson thanked Matthew Cooper for representing the RC on that committee.

PRIMR – Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, a private company, is coming to campus on April 27, 2015 to give a full day workshop regarding conducting human subjects research within the regulatory framework.

RC Chair Search, 2015-16, Tina Shepardson

Tina Shepardson has been in conversation with a couple of people about being the RC Chair next academic year. They are concerned that their calendars will not accommodate this responsibility. Send recommendations or volunteers to Tina Shepardson (cshepard@utk.edu).

Undergraduate Research Fee Bill – Tina Shepardson

There was a discussion on the "Bill to Implement an Undergraduate Research Fee". The bill was developed by the Student Undergraduate Advisory Committee (SUAC). The bill has already been approved by: The Faculty Senate Executive Council; Marisa Moazen, Director of Undergraduate Research in ORE; SGA; and the Undergraduate Advisory Committee. Taylor Eighmy discussed how the SUAC and Marisa Moazen developed the bill. The RC recommended two amendments to the bill: "to the tuition of every student" to "to the tuition and fees of every undergraduate student". A motion was made by Chris Parigger and seconded by Matthew Cooper to approve the bill with the two recommended amendments. The motion was unanimously approved.

Update from ORE (Top 25; System Strategic Plan; System Budget) – Taylor Eighmy

Taylor Eighmy wanted to inform the RC about the following three issues.

Taylor Eighmy discussed that there is a refresh happening on the Top 25 Strategic Plan for UT Knoxville. Steve Smith, Dean of Libraries, is the Chair of this committee. There are no vice chancellor's serving on this committee. Janet Nelson represents ORE on this committee and the faculty have representation on this committee. Tina Shepardson also serves on the committee. Janet Nelson and Taylor Eighmy are helping Executive Staff of this committee collect information about expenditures that are tied to research around Top 25. This information will be shared with the committee, the committee will review the information, and the committee will have conversations about this information with the entire university community. This is a very important activity.

The system also has a Strategic Plan and they are going to do a refresh. President Joseph DiPietro has asked Stacey Patterson and Taylor Eighmy to deal with the aspect that deals with research. There are several other task forces within the systems Strategic Plan Committee which includes a lot of upper administration from each of the institutions and other folks. The nature of the conversations to-date is generating and focusing on new revenues. Taylor Eighmy will keep the RC informed.

President Joseph DiPietro has a budget advisory group that he established last September. This group has been working on a "tool box" for the chancellors to use, and it got unveiled at the Board Meeting in Memphis three weeks ago. There are components in the "tool box" that deal with research. Taylor Eighmy will inform the RC at a later date what is in the "tool box" that involves research.

New Business

Research concerns?

Tina Shepardson asked if there were any research concerns that should be discussed. There were no comments.

Speaker suggestion?

Tina Shepardson did try to contact Theresa Lee and James Price about speaking to the RC about in-state tuition. Neither are available April 8, the last RC meeting for the academic year. This may be a topic for next academic year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor