

**Research Council Meeting
March 13, 2013
Blount Hall
Room 403**

FINAL

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair	Holly Mercer
Suzie Allard	Robert Muenchen
Itamar Arel	Kim Newkirk
Doug Birdwell	Stephen Paddison
Chris Boake	Greg Reed
George Dodds	Tina Shepardson
Bill Dunne	Steve Smith
Taylor Eighmy	Dixie Thompson
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Ahmad Vakili
Tom Ladd	Songning Zhang

Guest

Kelly Steele

Lee Han thanked everyone for attending. He commented on how happy he was to have Jane Taylor, Greg Reed, and Taylor Eighmy back. Han expressed his interest in Eighmy's insightful presentation that he will be presenting at this meeting.

Han discussed the need for an election for a Chair for the Research Council for next academic year. The Research Council is a branch of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate is made up of faculty from different colleges who are tenured or tenure-track faculty. Han encouraged nominations or volunteers for the Chair of the Research Council for next academic year.

Approval of February 12, 2013 minutes were discussed. Tina Shepardson commented that the statement about 8 professional individuals were ineligible was an incorrect statement. This statement will be corrected in the February 12, 2013 minutes. There was a discussion about a few editorial changes. All present were in favor of accepting the minutes with the suggested changes.

Eighmy gave a presentation titled "An Update from the Office of Research & Engagement" with an opening dialogue, which welcomed question and answer opportunities. The presentation will be posted on the Office of Research's website. Eighmy will attend the April 10th meeting to continue the answer and question session on his presentation.

Han discussed Center Reviews for Spring 2013. Two centers are scheduled to have their reports turned in by the end of this month. The Committee is ready to review them.

The Summer Graduate Assistantship Committee has completed their review. The report has been forwarded to Greg Reed. Reed thanked Kim Newkirk, Chair of the GRA Committee, and the Committee

for their hard work and quick decision on the applications. There will be 25 Summer Graduate Assistantships awarded this year.

Stephen Paddison thanked everyone who participated in the ORU Budget Hearings. There was better participation this year than last year. Plans are to have more participation next year. Reed and Eighmy discussed the ORU Budget Hearings and how important the Research Council's input is. Funding is going to change very quickly. Funding needs to be an investment fund. Rationales for decisions on who and why funding was awarded and why it wasn't. Eighmy would like representation from the Associate Deans and the Research Council Faculty who attended the ORU Budget Hearings to participate in a meeting to discuss funding decisions. Reed and Eighmy expressed their appreciation for the Research Council's involvement in the ORU Budget Hearings.

Reed gave an update on the search for Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement. Four resumes have been received from internal candidates.

Han continued the discussion from the February meeting regarding more memory for apps.utk.edu. Bob Muenchen informed everyone that the new system provides 256 G on a single machine for people who need large amounts of memory. He would love to hear from people who do not have sufficient memory. OIT recently sent out a survey. Munchen encouraged everyone to complete it.

Han encouraged nominations or volunteer for the Research Council Chair for next academic year. Eighmy stressed how important this position is for him to turn to participate on various committees. Eighmy has already volunteered Han for various positions which the new Research Council Chair would step into. Han will contact each Research Council member for nominations.

Greg Reed encouraged everyone to attend EURECA on March 19th at the UC Ballroom. The Research Week Events are on the website.

Tom Heffernan will be guest speaker on April 10 speaking about Humanities Center. Eighmy will also be here to continue his presentation.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor