

**University of Tennessee Research Council**  
**March 22, 2010**  
**University Center, Executive Dining Room, Room 337**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**FINAL**

**Members, Ex-officios, & GSS Representatives Attending:**

Ken Stephenson, Chair	Bob Muenchen
Michael Handelsman	Lynne Parker
Yuri Kamychkov	Greg Reed

**Guest Attending:**

Thomas Handler  
Carol Malkemus

**Welcoming**

Ken Stephenson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The February 22, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Update from Office of Research – Greg Reed**

Greg Reed mentioned that a committee has been formed to determine what it will take for the university to be in the top 25 institutes and Brad Fenwick is on the committee. The committee will determine which ranking system will be used. The committee will report which ranking system they recommend and the Research Council may advocate on this.

A Master Planning Committee has been formed for facilities. Greg Reed is Chair of the Research Sub-Committee for the Master Planning Committee. Present research space and new constructions will be studied by this committee. The last TN Knoxville Master Plan was done in 2001 and it will be referenced by this sub-committee. Any comments regarding research space should be sent to Greg Reed.

The JIAM Building is going to be redesigned but all of the interior will not be finished out. The ground breaking is scheduled to be sometime this spring. The state match for this project has not materialized and the amount of money still left is around \$22 – 23 million.

Greg Reed reminded everyone that the ORU Budget Hearings will be April 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged members of the Research Council to attend and provide their comments. The Chancellor's Professors and Associate Deans for Research have also been invited to attend.

Greg Reed stated that Research Week Kick-Off was today. The Office of Research partnered with the Chancellor's Honors Program. He discussed what event would occur throughout the week. Greg Reed also mentioned that the undergraduate journal, Pursuit Research Journal, will be distributed at the EURēCA Ceremony. This journal was totally produced by undergraduate students. The journal will also be distributed in TRACE.

Greg Reed also commented on the Summer Undergraduate Internship Program. The reviews for these applications will occur soon. The Chancellor's Office supplemented this program.

### **Old Business:**

Ken Stephenson encouraged members of the Research Council to attend the ORU Budget Hearings. He plans to be there as time permits.

### **New Business:**

#### **SARIF GRA Sub-Committee:**

Michael Handelsman reported for Ray Degenaro on the SARIF GRA Sub-Committee. The Summer Graduate Research Assistantships have been reviewed and announcements should go out soon. Fifty applications were received and 25 assistantships were awarded. The committee distributed the assistantships to 22 different departments. Michael Handelsman suggested that guidelines be developed on how to review the applications. The guidelines should include how to prioritize; are repeat winners permitted; faculty should show how the student's research will be incorporated into the faculty's research; should assistantships go to students studying under younger faculty to help promote younger faculty's research; and should assistantships be awarded to masters and PhD.

#### **Chancellor Awards Sub-Committee:**

Lynne Parker gave a report on the Chancellor Awards. There were 17 Research and Creative Achievement nominations submitted and 21 Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement nominations submitted. There were four in each category nominated which will be announced at the Chancellor's Awards Banquet. The committee met with Greg Reed and came to a conclusion on who should receive the awards. Lynne Parker suggested that the guidelines be revised to require new achievement be shown when the same person was being nominated for each award within 10 years or less between submission of nominations. The nomination should make clear what has changed since the last award was received.

#### **SARIF Infrastructure/Equipment Sub-Committee:**

Yuri Kamyshkov gave a report on the SARIF Infrastructure Equipment Awards. There were 17 proposals submitted this past fall for a total of \$1.3 million. Thirteen proposals were funded; 3 proposals were partially funded; and one proposal was rejected because it was to develop a facility at ORNL. A total of \$350,000 was awarded. Yuri Kamyshkov suggested that the turn-around should be shortened, and it should be shortened to three weeks.

#### **SARIF EPPE Sub-Committee Summary:**

Jon Shefner is no longer chair of the SARIF EPPE Committee. Michael Handelsman is a committee member and he suggested increasing the amount faculty may request from \$500 to \$1,000.

There was a discussion about SARIF funding. The Chancellor determines how much of the F&A is put in the Office of Research's budget for SARIF funding. This budget item has stayed the same over the years.

**VOL Vision: shout outs for research:**

Ken Stephenson plans to attend VOL Mission hearings for colleges on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Susan Martin talked to the Research Council at a previous meeting, but there has been no commitment about base research. Ken Stephenson encouraged people to go to VOL Mission and speak out about research.

**Thomas Handler – Trip to Washington:**

Thomas Handler and a physicist from Fermi Lab meet with Alexander's Science Fellow, Adam Rondinone of ORNL in Washington, DC recently. Thomas Handler will be sending a letter to Senator Lamar Alexander expressing his concern about the scientist from ORNL becoming joint faculty at UTK. Some of his concerns are: will the joint faculty be tenure or tenured track and if so how will it be accomplished; will the joint faculty become part of university life; will the joint faculty take up a lot of time and space; would research be credited explicitly by UTK faculty; would relationship between UTK and ORNL be equal partners; are faculty in departments going to be deprived of good GRAs; where is money going to go; and is this going to be a healthy relationship.

Ken Stephenson stated that he plans to have Wayne Davis, Dean of the College of Engineering, attend another Research Council Meeting to continue his discussion about the joint faculty between UTK and ORNL. Ken Stephenson invited Thomas Handler to attend the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Taylor