

**Research Council Meeting
April 10, 2013
Blount Hall
Room 403**

FINAL

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair	Tom Handler
Doug Birdwell	Federico Harte
Chris Boake	Robert Muenchen
George Dodds	Kim Newkirk
Taylor Eighmy	Stephen Paddison
Martin Griffin	Greg Reed
Maggie Guy	Tina Shepardson
Joanne Hall	Dixie Thompson
	Songning Zhang

Guest

Tom Heffernan, Carol Malkemus, and Kelly Steele

Remarks by the Chair - Han

Lee Han thanked everyone for attending and announced that Taylor Eighmy will be continuing his presentation from the last meeting on goals and missions the Office of Research and Engagement to reach the Top 25. Also, Tom Heffernan, Director of the Humanities Center, will give a presentation.

Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2013

The March 13, 2013 minutes were revised to include Dixie Thompson as being an attendee. The March 13, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

An Update from the Office of Research & Engagement, Part II – Taylor Eighmy, VCRE

Taylor Eighmy continued his presentation from the March 13, 2013 meeting. He would like to come back and give another presentation to the Research Council when the goals are more formulated. Eighmy would like a faculty member from the Humanities Social Sciences to be on the Top 25 Research Strategic Plan Committee. Thoughts and feedback on the presentation are welcomed. The presentation will be posted on the Research Council's website and on the Office of Research and Engagement's website. He would like to continue to work with the Research Council on specific issues raised by the Research Council, including the one raised regarding health insurance and coverage eligibility on research fellowships.

Business Items

Nomination/Election for RC Chair

Han asked for nomination and/or volunteers for a Research Council Chair for academic year 2013/2014. Bill Dunne nominated Tina Shepardson, and the nomination was seconded by Chris Boake. Doug Birdwell nominated Stephen Paddison, and the nomination was seconded by Tom Handler. A ballot

vote was taken: Tina Shepardson received 8 votes and Stephen Paddison received 5 votes. Han announced Tina Shepardson as the Chair for the Research Council for next academic year.

Han thanked Paddison for his willingness to serve the council and his good work in coordinating Research Council participation at the ORU Budget Hearings. He also congratulated Shepardson.

Special Presentation – Thomas Heffernan, Humanities Center

Han introduced Thomas Heffernan, Director of the Humanities Center which was established in 2011 and started in 2012. Heffernan discussed various things the center is involved in and how they get funding. He explained how it is more difficult for humanities to get funding than sciences. The Humanities Center continues to try to increase fellowships, and to do so, faculty have to show that they have applied for a Fulbright Fellowship. The Humanities Center ranks 10th in the nation in fellowships. Humanities have received 12 NEH Fellowships since 2005, but more fellowships are needed, especially for graduate students. Heffernan requested that the Research Council advocate to upper administration for funding for the Humanities Center. Han thanked Heffernan for speaking about the Humanities Center.

Other ORE Updates – Greg Reed, AVCRE

Greg Reed gave the following updates:

Summer Graduate Research Assistantships - there were twenty-five assistantships awards which touched twenty-three departments.

2013 EURECA

415 Students – 37% increase from last year

266 Entries – 24% increase from last year

Summer Undergraduate Internships

173 Applications Received

73 Internships Awarded to students in 44 departments

3rd Quarter Report

Expenditures – up 12% from last year

Awards – up 1.2% from last year

Proposals – down 10% from last year

3rd Quarter Report is expected to go out next week.

ORU Budget Hearings Preliminary Assessment

Representatives from the Research Council and the Associate Deans will be meeting soon to finalize the recommendations. Plans are to make the announcements by the end of May.

Other Business Items

Committee Activities and Plans

Center Reviews – Martin Griffin stated that the review report from the Scintillation Materials Research Center has been received. The committee is still waiting on the report from the Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. The committee hopes to have the reviews completed by the end of the semester.

Han will prepare the Research Council's Annual Report and send it to the members for comment before it is submitted to the Faculty Senate.

Han will prepare a letter on behalf of the Research Council and send it to Eighmy regarding issues for graduate students with health insurance and coverage eligibility on research fellowships. Doug Birdwell discussed MATLAB License and the e-mail sent to all the Research Council Members from Bob Muenchen earlier today. Doug Birdwell made the following motion and it was seconded by Tom Handler: send a letter to the Chancellor and to the Director of OIT requesting MATLAB License be maintained as is. All present were in favor. Han will prepare and send the letter. Bob Muenchen is to be notified by Han that the Research Council supports his efforts.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor