

**Research Council Meeting
April 11, 2012
Executive Dining Room, University Center
Room 327**

FINAL

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair	Yuri Kamyshkov
Chris Boake	Kim Newkirk
Kathleen Brannen (GSS)	Stephen Paddison
Joanne Deeken	Greg Reed
Martin Griffin	Lee Riedinger
Joanne Hall	Tina Shepardson
	Adam Thompson

GUEST

Carol Malkemus and Kelly Steele

Approval of minutes from March 14, 2012

The March 14, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

Remarks by the Chair – Han

Lee Han welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that this is the last meeting for this academic year. He pointed out that today's meeting agenda is dated April 12th and should be April 11th. Lee Han also welcomed Lee Riedinger back from his trip to China. Lee Han commented that a Research Council Chair has not been elected for next year and this will be addressed later in this meeting.

Lee Han thanked the Office of Research, Lee Riedinger, Greg Reed, and Jane Taylor, for helping with the Research Council Meetings; refreshments, and taking the minutes. Lee Han expressed that it has been a delight being the Chair this past fiscal year.

Lee Han announced that in another four days (April 15) an IRB requirement would go into effect requiring researchers working with human subjects to be certified.

Remarks by VC of Research – Riedinger

Lee Riedinger discussed his recent trip to China where he spent three weeks. While there he taught an energy course in Shanghai. He also talked to three other universities about organizing an exchange program.

Lee Riedinger distributed a current list of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) fellows and a list recommended by the committee for this year. The committee has recommended eleven people and at least eight of them will definitely be submitted. The deadline is midnight today.

Lee Riedinger discussed the ORU Budget Hearings which were organized by the Office of Research and held on March 5 & 6, 2012. He also distributed a summary of ORU funds awarded for the past four years and requests for FY13. There were six new groups and twenty-four previously funded centers that requested funds for FY13. Decisions will be made in May on the distribution of ORU funds for FY13. The distribution will depend on funds available. There will be meetings with large centers who requested large amounts of funds before decisions are made. Lee Riedinger thanked those of Research Council who attended the ORU Budget Hearings and for completing evaluation forms.

Greg Reed also expressed his appreciation for everyone who came to the ORU Budget Hearings and gave feedback.

Lee Han suggested that evaluation forms for the ORU Budget Hearings be distributed differently next year. Some people who attended did not realize that the Office of Research was interested in attendee's feedback.

Lee Riedinger showed the latest issue of the Quest Magazine which features the Solar House on the front cover. Lee Riedinger and Greg Reed announced that the Solar House Team won the Multi-Disciplinary Award at the Chancellor's Awards Banquet. The Multi-Disciplinary Award is to recognize significant partnering of 200 students from nine academic departments over the entire process of the project and six faculty members from three different colleges who led the project. Lee Riedinger also recognized Melissa Allen and Adam Thompson for being recognized in the Chancellor's report for their research work.

Lee Riedinger discussed that the Southeastern Conference (SEC) is getting involved in academics. They have organized a conference for SEC schools to host an academic conference. The hosting university is given \$200,000 to host this conference. One of the things the conference does is recognize faculty achievement awards. Carol Tenopir received the UT Faculty Achievement Award.

Remarks from AVC of Research – Reed

Greg Reed discussed the semester wrapping up with Research Week and 2012 EURECA. There were 337 undergraduate students who participated and 236 entries which were exhibited at EURECA. The University Center will be available one more year for this event. The Office of Research is already looking for places to hold the event in 2014. The Office of Research would like to hear location suggestions.

There were 168 Summer Undergraduate Research Internship applications received and 75 of them were awarded. The selection process was difficult because there were a lot of great proposals that could not be funded. This is just another indication of how undergraduate research has increased activity on campus. Students must be active students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville to be eligible for these internships.

There were 25 Summer Graduate Research Assistantship applications received and 22 were funded. Greg Reed thanked the committee for their recommendations and for doing such a great job.

Centers Review Committee Report – Griffin

Martin Griffin reported that five center reviews have been completed and one is still under review.

Martin Griffin discussed the responsibilities of the Center Review Committee members. This is a rolling committee where center review reports are received throughout fall and spring semester and sometimes the reviews carry over into the summer semester. Graduate students are welcome to be on the committee, but they should be aware of the work throughout the year.

Martin Griffin suggested that a memorandum for the Center Review Committee chair explaining the time frame expectation of the committee and duties of the committee which could be passed on from year to year. The review committee should review the classification of centers being reviewed to determine if they should be reviewed as a research center or if they are actually operating as a service center or an educational center. Educational centers are not reviewed by the Research Council but by the Provost Office.

Martin Griffin also suggested that the instructions for the centers be revised, particularly the maximum length of reports to be submitted and what constitutes relevant reporting instead of everything a center has.

Report of Recent Washington DC Visit – Handler

Tom Handler was absent so an update was given by Lee Han on Tom Handler's behalf. The University of Tennessee has not hired a representative in Washington, DC since Lillian Mashburn retired from the University of Tennessee. Kurt Schlieter represents the University of Tennessee at the system level. In general, the importance and innovation creativity of the University of Tennessee is recognized by the congressmen and their staffers. They also recognize the importance of quantifiable impacts when dollars are spent. The congressmen in Washington would like to know where the dollars are spent to benefit more students and where their contribution are. Tom Handler will meet with Greg Reed about these details.

Status of Bylaws Proposal – Joanne Hall

Lee Han reported that Vince Anfara, Faculty Senate President, requested that the revised Bylaws be submitted to the Faculty Senate in a resolution format. Lee Han distributed a draft of the resolution and asked for the Research Council members comments. The resolution is to be delivered to Vince Anfara by this weekend to be presented to the Executive Council. Lee Han explained a sentence in the bylaws that the Vince Anfara suggested changing which dealt with the wording the Research Council voted to change("Ex-officio members shall include the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, the Dean of Libraries (or designee), Associate Deans for Research (or designees), and up to two additional designees."). Joanne Deeken will get the wording resolved before the next Executive Council Meeting.

Other Unfinished Business – Han

RC's resolution thru Executive Council and Faculty Senate

Executive Council and Faculty Senate each has one more meeting this semester. Joanne Deeken will discuss proposed revision of the Bylaws with each president to get the wording resolved in a timely fashion.

Preparation of RC annual report

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

RC's role and operational guidelines

Lee Han suggested that guidelines for new Research Council Members and the Chair be prepared. Lee Han will prepare these with input from Greg Reed.

Neural science initiatives

Doug Birdwell recommended that a guest speaker from Neural Science Initiatives come to a Research Council Meeting. Lee Han spoke with Doug Birdwell and asked if this could be scheduled next fiscal year since it did not get scheduled this fiscal year. Doug Birdwell explained that it would be more advantageous to wait until next fiscal year.

FS President-Elect nomination/election

The Faculty Senate has distributed forms to nominate a president.

Research Council chair nomination

The Research Council needs to have nominations and an election for a Research Council Chair for next fiscal year. Joanne Deeken took charge of the meeting and nominated Lee Han for Research Council Chair for next fiscal year; Joanne Hall seconded the motion. Yuri Kamyskov made a motion to close nominations. All the present Research Council members unanimously approved. Lee Han accepted the position.

Lee Han complimented everyone, senators, non-senators, and ex officious for their hard work and encouraged everyone to continue to be involved and attend meetings. He really appreciated everyone's support during the past year.

Lee Riedinger commented that he really appreciates everyone's involvement. This is a very important council.

Greg Reed made one last announcement. Steven Paddison received a Research Award at the Chancellor's Honors Awards Banquet. The Office of Research subscribes to a service that uses a service data base on scholarships used in citations by research category. This service provides a ranking for each research topic in the world for the top 10 researchers in the world. In one of the topics that Steven Paddison researches in, he and his research group are rated number one in the world.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor