

University of Tennessee Research Council
April 13, 2009
University Center, Executive Dining Room, Room 337
3:30 p.m.

FINAL

Attending:	Joanne Hall, Chair	Vena Long
	Ken Stephenson, Vice Chair	Carol Malkemus
	Jim Conant	Abby Mello
	Ramon DeGennaro	Bob Muenchen
	Bill Dunne	Thandi Onami
	Brad Fenwick	Greg Reed
	Greer Fox	Joan Rentsch
	Doug Hayes	Klaus Vandenberg
	Wes Hines	Peiling Wang
	Yuri Kamyshkov	Timothy Young

Approval of Minutes:

The March 2, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Opening Remarks – Joanne Hall

Joanne Hall thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and announced that it is the last meeting for this academic year.

Joanne Hall discussed preparing the annual report. Joanne Hall would like for the committees to e-mail her a report for their committee so she can submit the annual report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and Faculty Senate Chairs have sent her an e-mail regarding the Research Council's past activity. The two committees would like for the Research Council to evaluate their various committees and determine if some of the committees could be consolidated. Joanne Hall expressed concerned that the Faculty Effectiveness and Efficiency Task Force of the Executive Committee and are in the process of re-constructing Senate sub-committees without consulting the various committees. According to the organizational chart some of the committees are going to be combined. Several Executive Committee members who were present did not recall this being the case.

Joanne Hall announced that the Faculty Senate has approved the Research Data and Tangible Research Property Policy. Greg Reed stated that this policy, as well as other policies, is on the Office of Research's website.

Joanne Hall announced the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Faculty Senate Resolution.

Greg Reed gave an update on the Office of Research:

Summer Graduate Research Assistantship - 25 awarded

Summer Undergraduate Internship	-	71 awarded
EURēCA was on April 1 & 2	-	250 Participants & 183 Entries 85 Participant Winners & 42 Entry Winners

EURēCA winner's pictures and a gallery are on the Office of Research website under the EURēCA link.

Greg Reed discussed changes the Office of Research has made over the past year. He distributed a paper titled "First Year Initiatives" which listed these changes.

Brad Fenwick stated that the April 22nd quarterly report indicates that proposals are up 75 – 80% from last year. This is a banner year. The reason for this growth is cultural. The campus is maturing into a true research campus. This is the first time in history that research is bringing in more funds than any other source. Joanne Hall stated that faculty feels that administration is more on their side than in the past. More tenure tracked faculty are enthusiastic about having research grants.

The 2009 and 2010 federal budgets passed. They both have substantial funds for sciences and technology. There is enough money to fund about 200 out of approximately 2,000 proposals. The Office of Research is working hard to put some money away to be used for special needs this year and next year, such as faculty time. Office of Research staff is checking daily to see if NSF grants require institutional matches.

Joanne Hall complimented the new "*Quest*" magazine and how many different areas that were acknowledged in it. Brad Fenwick encouraged people to submit good news to be published in the *Quest* newsletter and magazine. An editorial board has been formed to scan campuses for articles for magazines.

Wes Hines asked how faculty were named AAAS fellows. Bill Dunne explained how they are named in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences started this last year and it is a process the college goes through to select fellows. It was suggested that the Office of Research provide funds for the AAAS fellowships across campus. Brad Fenwick will set this as one of his policy agenda items.

Abby Mello gave an update for the Graduate Student Council. The Graduate Student Council met with the Graduate Council and the Graduate Council is interested in the study that the Graduate Student Council did but at a larger scale. They are suggesting a joint venture between the Graduate Council, the Research Council, and Abby would be interested in helping as a representative for the Graduate Student Council. Joanne Hall complimented Abby Mellow on her accomplishments. The Graduate Student Council is open to the idea.

Brad Fenwick opened a discussion regarding faculty receiving pay from grants and programs since there will be no salary increases in the base funding. Others present stated

that university policy does not permit this. There was a discussion on a committee being appointed to try to get this policy changed.

The topic of recruiting graduate students was discussed. The Graduate School has a grant which provides a person to do this. Cindy Peterson has been appointed as the person in charge of this.

Brad Fenwick discussed the Research Council being involved in the budget development process. The allocation and re-allocation of funds needs the Research Council's involvement. The Research Council could help reinforce what the campus needs.

Joanne Hall discussed perhaps getting some forums next year between the Research Council and the Graduate School.

Joanne Hall stated that she has decided to step down and she is aware of others who have an interest in being the chair. William Hofmeister and Ken Stephenson are both interested in the position. Members of the Research Council decided to have an electronic election. Peiling Wang volunteered to set the electronic election up on Blackboard. Any other nominations for the chair position were to be e-mailed to her or Joanne Hall. Votes are to be in by May 4th.

Joanne Hall stated that one of the first orders of business in the fall should be to elect a vice chair.

Ken Stephenson thanked Joanne Hall for what she has done for the Research Council this year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor