

University of Tennessee Research Council

May 5, 2008

Neilsen and Physics Building, Room 307

3:30 p.m.

FINAL

Attending:	Joanne Hall, Chair	Wes Hines
	Wayne Davis	Carol Malkemus
	Ramon DeGennaro	Stephanie Ohnesorg
	Denzel Dukes	Thandi Onami
	Bill Dunne	Greg Reed
	Brad Fenwick	Ken Stephenson
	Mary Gunther	

Approval of Minutes:

The April 14, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted with no changes.

Opening Remarks – Joanne Hall

Joanne Hall thanked everyone who took care of the running of this council. The major accomplishment of the Research Council this year was to produce the forums. The forums have been valuable in getting ideas and provide information to The Council, the Office of Research and to budget planners, especially Brad Fenwick.

Greg Reed stated that the Office of Research is running a pilot on COEUS light to build an electronic proposal process. Nuclear Engineering has volunteered to help. The goal is to have the system available by fall semester. Brad Fenwick stated that the campus is moving forward with searches for a chancellor and provost. Brad also stated that his budget request is in place and was given a high priority. Internal funds will need to be reallocated if the budget is not approved.

There was a discussion on joint faculty appointments with UTK and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Who approves offer letters for these positions, F&A costs, and cost sharing or leasing of a building are questions; these have not been determined.

Thandi Onami and Greg Reed gave an update on the SAIRF Equipment and Infrastructure Awards. There were 21 proposals received and 10 received awards..

Joanne Hall stated that the Tangible Research Property and Research Data Policies passed in the RC will go on to the Faculty Senate. Hopefully, these will be passed by the Senate in the fall. The Research Forum Panels were discussed. It was observed at the forums that the panelists present were surprisingly positive even though the

panels were not well attended. Joanne Hall stated that she tried to keep the questions for the panelist neutral and the panel members balanced by gender and colleges. Greg Reed took notes at the forum which will be shared with the Research Council members. Brad Fenwick is now trying to work on some of the issues that came up versus waiting for the budget approval. A different location for the forums was also discussed. Any suggestions for the 4th Forum Panel which will be held in the fall should be e-mailed to Joanne Hall. Two possible items to discuss are COEUS and liability regarding faculty publications.

Joanne Hall led a discussion on suggestions for next year's committee structure. The bylaws will be reviewed to determine who could and could not be on the Research Council and if not on the Faculty Senate at the same time, and who would and would not be permitted to vote. Joanne Hall will pursue getting faculty who are not Senate member at the Research Council Meetings since next year's Senate President, John Nolt, seems to be in favor of allowing non-Senate members on Committees of the Senate.

New Business

Wes Hines conducted the election of chair for 2008-2009. Only one nomination has been received and it was for Joanne Hall. There were not other nominations or volunteers. The Research Council members voted unanimously to elect Joanne Hall as chair for 2008-2009. Ken Stephenson was appointed as a vice chair along with Bill Blass.

Wayne Davis introduced Wes Hines as the Interim Associate Dean for Research for the College of Engineering.

The improvement of communications between the Associate Deans of Research and the Research Council was discussed. It was suggested that the Research Council receive the minutes from the Associate Deans of Research meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor