

**Research Council Meeting
May 4, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Room 440, West Wing Haslam Business Building**

Final

Members, Ex-officios, & GSS Representatives Attending:

Ken Stephenson	Federico Harte
JoAnne Deeken	Jennifer Hendricks
Scott Gilpatric	Wes Hines
Martin Griffin	Yuri Kamyshkov
Joanne Hall	Ken Phillips
Lee Han	Greg Reed

Guest Attending:

Mary Albrecht, Julie Johnson, Carol Malkemus, Serena Matsunaga, and Thomas Handler

Opening Remarks by Ken Stephenson, Chair

Recommended changes had been made to the March 2, 2011 meeting minutes since they were approved at the April 6, 2011 meeting. The revised March 2, 2011 meeting minutes were submitted to the Research Council. They were unanimously approved.

The April 6, 2011 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and will be posted on the web page.

Ken Stephenson reminded everyone that this is the last meeting this academic year. The Faculty Senate is looking for a Research Council Chair. Anyone interested in this position should contact the Faculty Senate.

Update from the Office of Research

Wes Hines, Interim VC for Research

Wes Hines gave an update on the Office of Research budget. Chris Cimino was presented with a list of things that the Office of Research needs to continue to be successful. Several things that the Office of Research requested in the budget were approved.

Greg Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor

Greg Reed reported on the 3rd quarter report. The 3rd quarter report has been delayed due to data problems. Some of the data had to be collected manually. Plans are to issue the report next week. The 3rd quarter awards are down compared to last year, but they are expected to come up in the 4th quarter now that the federal FY11 budget has been approved by Congress. The yearly report comes out around the beginning of fall semester.

Third quarter figures compared to last year's third quarter are:

Proposals up 15%

Expenditures up 13%

Awards down 10%

One of the services that the Office of Research offers is to help faculty get fellowships. The UTK ranks 7th in this area. Five new faculty received Fulbright Awards this year.

Greg Reed discussed the foundation funds which are still under development. The Office of Research has started a service which helps develop a relationship with faculty and supporting agencies.

Old Business

Motion on improved support for the Research Office from F&A, by Yuri Kamyshkov.

A motion on improved support for the Research Office from F&A was prepared by Yuri Kamyshkov before the meeting. A copy was distributed to the Research Council Members for their review before voting. There was a lengthy discussion on this motion. The vote was six in favor and no one opposed. Motion passed. The Research Council will forward this motion to the Faculty Senate and ask the Faculty Senate to forward it to the Chancellor, Provost, and Vice Chancellor for Finance.

Final vote on revised Research Misconduct Policy as amended based on our previous discussion.

Jennifer Hendricks revised the Research Misconduct Policy that she presented at the April 6, 2011 Research Council Meeting. The revised version was e-mailed to the Research Council Members before today's meeting for the members to review. The Research Council Members discussed the proposed policy. There was a vote on the acceptance of this policy. All were in favor. Jennifer Hendricks will send the policy to Greg Reed.

New Business

Status on the new, internal search for Vice Chancellor for Research

Wes Hines gave an update on the Vice Chancellor for Research position search. The external search was not successful and an internal search was opened. The Search Committee has decided to make another external search. Wes Hines will be the Interim Vice Chancellor through the summer.

Wes Hines will speak on the work of the Top 25 Task Force on research, which is being prepared for presentation to the Board

Wes Hines gave a presentation titled "On the Road to the Top 25" which is a draft of the presentation that will be presented by the Chancellor to the Board in June. He introduced Mary Albrecht, Associate Vice Chancellor, who administers the Top 25 Planning process. He also introduced Julie Johnson and Serena Matsunagea, Consultants with Huron, who have been hired to assist with the planning process. Some of the topics discussed were: Guiding Principles; Current Position; Illustrative Metrics; Research Expenditures – Current State; Research Expenditures – Peer Comparison; Top 25 Peer Strategy Benchmarks; UTK Top 25 Research Plan Priorities; Illustrative Actions; Core Facilities – Action Plan Profile; Core Facilities – Context – Example; Core Facilities – Peer Examples; and Next Steps. Feedback may be given by going to the following website: <http://www.utk.edu/strategic-planning/>.

Ken Stephenson thanked Wes Hines for the presentation and emphasized how important it is for faculty and departments to be engaged. The presentation is still in “draft” format so it cannot be posted on the web.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor