

Research Council Minutes
September 13, 2004
Eighth Floor Board Room
Andy Holt Tower
3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Attendees: Bill Blass, Joanne Hall, Wes Hines, Gayle Baker, Micah Beck, Wayne Davis, Brandon Farmer, Arlene Garrison, Heather Hirschfeld, Tom Ladd, Carol Malkemus, Jan Musfeldt, Stefan Richter, Mary Rogge, Carol Tenopir, and Clif Woods.

Introduction – Bill Blass, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted the two items that were passed out which were lists of Research Council Members for 2004-2005 and Research Council committees for 2004-2005. Blass also introduced the Co-Vice Chairs of the Research Council, Joanne Hall and Wes Hines.

Commentary on Office of Research—Clif Woods, Vice Chancellor of Research, then took the floor. Woods informed the Committee that the Office of Research is moving from Andy Holt Tower to the White Avenue Building. The move is scheduled to take place within the week. A notice has been sent out to department heads and faculty concerning the move. Woods discussed how the Office of Research has been reorganized over the past few years. When John Schumaker was at UT, we had Vice Provost and Provost. The Office of Research, at time was not reporting to a campus officer. It was then reporting to the system administration or the ‘Big Orange U’ Administration. Schumaker agreed that we needed to reinstitute the Office of Chancellor and initiated that move. Loren Crabtree was appointed Chancellor with that move. The first of this year Crabtree appointed Woods as Vice Chancellor for Research. Shortly after that appointment Billie Collier was appointed as Associated Vice Chancellor . Woods further discussed how there was a lack or oversight in the Office of Research is a lack or oversight in compliance areas. As a result, Woods made the proposal to the Chancellor to establish an Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and an Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Compliance. Woods asked Dr. Billie Collier if she would serve as Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Compliance and Dr. Frank Harris if he would serve as Associate Vice Chancellor for Research. Billie will continue to be the appointed person in the Office of Research for the implementation of Coleus. She will be working with Jim Lloyd of UT Knoxville and Joel Muelhauser from UTSI. Dr. Harris, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research will assume responsibilities for processing grants and contracts. The IT Specialist, Tai Lun, Arlene Garrison and Bill Dockery will be reporting to Harris. Post Awards will also be moving to White Avenue after the Office of Research move.

IRIS Advances – Mary Carr and Sally Townsend, IRIS support consultants discussed advances in IRIS. They discussed a folder that they had recently created on the menu path ‘Sponsored Project Reporting’. They came up with the top 8 reports that they thought would be valuable to the Office of Research which includes reports they believe researchers would use most often.

Federal Circular A21 was discussed by Wayne Davis

Blass stated that Lillian Mashburn sent a note that said congress had signed one bill so far which was 'Defense'. It is expected that they may pass Homeland Security and there may be military construction before the before the election. The House has passed most of its bills and is presently working on others. It appears that an ominous bill will be passed, but no one knows when. At this time the numbers for NSF, NIH and NASA's research figures do not look promising although we expect them to do better in the Senate than the House. President Peterson is sending out a memo to the Chancellor about the request for federal proposal information which will be coming to the faculty soon.

The Year Ahead and the RC -- Blass wanted to discuss this at a later time.

Old business—There was none discussed.

New Business -- There was none discussed

Meeting adjourned.