

**Research Council Meeting  
September 17, 2012  
Blount Hall  
Room 403**

**FINAL**

**Attendees**

Lee Han, Chair	Yuri Kamyshev
Chris Boake	Holly Mercer
George Dodds	Kim Newkirk
Bill Dunne	Greg Reed
Martin Griffin	Tina Shepardson
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Martin Walker
	Songning Zhang

**GUEST**

Carol Malkemus

**Approval of minutes from March 14, 2012**

Revisions were suggested for the April 11, 2012 minutes: remove last sentence on second page which states "Two more center review reports are expected for this semester" and on the third page, third paragraph replace the word "relative" with "relevant". A motion was made by Martin Griffin and seconded by Yuri Kamyshev to accept the revised minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Remarks by the Chair – Han**

Lee Han thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He was also thankful that everyone found the new location for the meetings, Room 403 Blount Hall. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, but after that the meetings for this academic year will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month through April, except there will not be a meeting in December.

Lee Han discussed the breakout session at the Faculty Senate Retreat. Nine people were present for the Research Council session and they had a good meeting. One thing that was discussed at the retreat was the Space Institute and their involvement in meetings on campus. Ways for them to be a part of the meeting electronically is being reviewed.

Lee Han plans to invite Steve Thomas, Chair of the Faculty Senate, to the Research Council later in the year so Steve Thomas will get an idea of what the Research Council does. One high priority for the Research Council this year is to find a chair for the next year.

Lee Han thanked Lee Riedinger and the Office of Research for their involvement in the Research Council. Taylor Eighmy will be on campus as the new Vice Chancellor for Research in October.

### **Remarks from AVC of Research – Reed**

Lee Riedinger sends his regrets for not attending today, but he had a conflict on his calendar. Taylor Eighmy starts two weeks from today. Taylor Eighmy is a very engaged person, detail oriented, planning oriented, and sets objectives to be accomplished. His academic home will be in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. His current website at Texas Tech will give you an example of how he operates. Taylor Eighmy will have a learning curve and will be spending a lot of time listening to people, meeting people, learning aspirations of people and learning what is going on.

Yuri Kamyshev complimented Greg Reed on how well he helped rebuild the Office of Research.

Greg Reed announced that the End-of-the-Year Report was distributed last week. It is posted on the Office of Research's website. Last year funding came down more than the difference in stimulus money received and rebounded this year some. Money received was pretty close to what was received three years ago. We have not outgrown our competitors. A lot of this depends on what Congress approves related to research.

### **Old Business**

#### **Status of RC's resolution on FS bylaws - Hall**

Last year Joann Hall chaired the ad hoc committee to review the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The committee made recommendations to correct some titles, ex-officio titles, and change some wording. The committee's report was delivered to the Faculty Senate at the last Faculty Senate Meeting and was voted on and approved by the Faculty Senate. It will be posted on the Faculty Senate's website.

#### **Centers Review Committee activities - Griffin**

Lee Han complimented Martin Griffin on doing a good job on the Centers Review Committee last year. Martin Griffin confirmed that the center reviews for last year have all been completed. The center review process can be time consuming. The committee will continue looking for ways to improve the process.

### **New Business**

#### **End of Year Report - Han**

Lee Han stated that like other councils and committees the Research Council is required to give an end of year report to the Faculty Senate President at the end of each academic year. Lee Han has summarized everything and submitted the report. The report is posted on the Faculty Senate's website.

#### **Time sensitive activities**

**OR Funding information services assessment taskforce** – The March 2012 ORU reviews have been finalized. New groups are encouraged to apply for ORU funding each year. Existing groups don't necessarily receive funding each year. Six new groups were funded this year. Multidisciplinary groups are encouraged.

The Library is looking at Scopus and a trial is open through campus. Greg Reed encouraged everyone go on the Library's website and click on the Scopus link and look at the features. This is one way to find areas to create multidisciplinary groups. Money has been set aside this coming year to help multidisciplinary groups get started.

Yuri Kamyshev commented ORU funding has not gone up in many years. Greg Reed confirmed this information saying that the ORU funding has remained pretty constant for the last several years. Yuri Kamyshev discussed that part of the F&A should be made available for the Office of Research. Greg Reed confirmed that this has been discussed by higher administration and is something the new VCR will address.

### **Committee assignments**

Lee Han introduced all standing committees and ad hoc efforts of RC and encouraged members to sign up for at least one committee.

SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure – the deadline for submission of proposals is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

SARIF EPPE Committee

Centers Review Committee

SARIF Graduate Research Assistantship Committee

Chancellor's Awards Committee

Multidisciplinary Research Award

ORU – This is not a committee – all Research Council Members are encouraged to judge.

Martin Griffin observed that everyone should try to sign up for two committees for these committees to be functional.

Lee Han will be contacting Research Council Members regarding being on committees where needed. Members should exclude themselves if there is a conflict of interest on a particular review. All Research Council members should be involved in the ORU Hearings.

The Office of Research is looking at two search engines software packages: COS and SiVal Funding Organizations. A review committee is being formed to evaluate which search engine would meet UTK's needs the best. The committee's feedback is needed by the end of this semester.

### **Top 25's implications and issues on research**

1. Dialogue going on with Top 25 applications and issues that Research Council can do to help with research metrics. Taylor Eighmy will represent the Office of Research at the Top 25 Meetings and Research Council will be represented at the Top 25 Meetings.
2. What metrics are effective and more productive in research activities on campus? Greg Reed suggested allowing ample amount of time at the next Research Council Meeting for Taylor Eighmy to discuss things such as the Top 25. Dr. Dunne discussed and explained the various Top 25 groups and how each one interfaces.

Various Top 25 Task Forces were discussed.

### **Representation of UTK in Washington, DC**

UTK is minimally represented in Washington, DC. Many other universities have a representative with an office there. Tom Handler visited and met with representatives and they are interested in relaying how UTK has implemented research. There is not a designated representative for our campus. This is an issue that will be addressed by Taylor Eighmy.

## Suggestions of activities for the year

- Research misconduct policy revision and training was approved by the Faculty Senate, but the policy on the Board of Trustee website is the one that the campus has to follow until the Board of Trustee's approves the revised one. The General Council will try to merge the two policies into one to be presented to the Board of Trustee for approval.
- Some agencies are forcing the compliance issue. For example, NIH requires a conflict of interest form to be signed by everyone on a proposal before a proposal can be submitted. An award cannot be accepted unless everyone on the contract has taken conflict of interest training. There is discussion going on to have a training that will be responsible for misconduct training and make it mandatory for graduate students.
- Wes Hines has proposed in the past to recruit and transition retiring ORNL researchers to become research faculty at UTK.
- It would be nice to have a presentation on UT's core facilities plan and how it influences research.
- Invite a speaker from Neural Science as suggested by Doug Birdwell last time.
- Invite new Research Foundation Director, Dave Washburn, to discuss his accomplishments. Lee Han suggested an annual report from UTRF on annual basis.
- Invite the Humanities Center to discuss their new center.
- Invite a guest speaker from the Marco Institute.
- Invite Chris Boake to give a presentation on the three new academic buildings which will also have research space.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor