

University of Tennessee Research Council
October 6, 2010
University Center, Executive Dining Room, Room 337
3:30 p.m.

FINAL

Members, Ex-officios, & GSS Representatives Attending:

Ken Stephenson, Chair	
Chris Boake	Jennifer Hendricks
Robert Jones	Federico Harte
Bob Cargile	Wes Hines
Jonny Dadras (GSC)	Tom Ladd
JoAnne Deeken	Robert Muenchen
Bill Dunne	Stephen Paddison
Scott Gilpatric	Ken Phillips
Matthew Gray	Greg Reed
Martin Griffin	Steven Yen

Guest Attending: Non present

Opening Remarks – Ken Stephenson

Ken Stephenson thanked everyone for attending. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. Ken Stephenson expressed his appreciation for Jonny Dadras representing the Graduate Student Council.

Approval of Minutes:

The September 1, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and will be posted on the web page.

**Update from the Office of Research –
Wes Hines, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research**

Wes Hines recently attended and participated in the Directors, Deans, and Department Heads Retreat hosted by the Chancellor.

- There has been a lot of discussion about why the vacant Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement position is being advertised as Vice Chancellor for Research only. The Chancellor was asked this question at the retreat. The Chancellor said that the last two searches for Vice Chancellor for Research were just that and the engagement was added after the fact. The Chancellor thinks this is a good process to follow. He wants someone who is really focused on research and when they hire that individual they can talk to that individual and determine if they are also really energized with engagement. The Chancellor will decide then where engagement should sit.
- At the retreat Bill Fox, state economic advisor, discussed the tax revenues are higher than budgeted and we will not get any cut backs in our state revenues. This indicates that the recovery is on its way up. It will take a while for recoveries to get

back to where they were. There will be no bonuses this year for university employees. Faculty salaries are at the top of the Chancellor's list.

- The second day of the retreat was all about Vol Vision. Attendees at the retreat were divided up into four groups (undergrad, graduate, faculty and research) and given the task to list five initiatives that could be worked on over the next twelve months and five metrics that would go along the initiatives. At the end of the task session there were five initiatives listed. The research breakout groups five initiatives were focused on (1) Infrastructure; (2) F&A Distribution and flexibility to allocate it; (3) Develop effective agencies/legislative lobbying infrastructure; (4) Optimize faculty time for research, scholarship, and creative activity through increased flexibility for differential allocation of workload and improve support system; and (5) Encourage and reward interdisciplinary research recognizing that there are different funding models throughout campus. A tasks force will be formed and over the next six months or so, will develop an implementation plan. Wes will be recruiting people to be on this task force. Ken Stephenson has already agreed to be on it.

Wes Hines explained the difference between Vol Vision and Top 25: Vol Vision is this over arching strategy that we need to move forward at the university; Top 25 is a subset of Vol Vision which effects how the university is ranked.

Greg Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research

Greg Reed distributed a handout titled "Dissemination and Sharing of Research Results" which is NSF's latest statement about data management requirements for NSF funded projects. He will be attending a meeting at the end of this month where university representatives will be meeting with NSF representatives to get clarification on the details. This requirement goes into effect January 1, 2011 by NSF. Other agencies are expected to start requiring similar training. He will report back to you on the information he receives.

Wes Hines and Greg Reed gave a TERA update. TERA is making progress. It is now running much faster than it was. OIT is chipping away solving problems. Proposals side of TERA works fine. The awards and reporting side of TERA gives incorrect information.

Old Business

Completing Committee Volunteer Lists

Ken Stephenson passed the sign-up sheets around for the various committees that the Research Council is responsible for. He encouraged each Research Council Member to sign up for a couple of committees.

Wes Hines discussed a new committee, Research Computer Technical Advisory Committee. The initial committee will consist of someone from the IT side, research side, Wes Hines, and Scott Studham. Stephen Paddison agreed to represent the research side. The initial committee will decide how to broaden the committee. Wes Hines explained that Scott Studham has about \$400,000 to spend on campus and would like advice on funding decisions.

Bill Dunne, Chair of the JICS Director Search Committee, gave an update on the search for a JICS director. The search committee will be sending their recommendations to Wes Hines and Jeff Maples early next week.

Ken Stephenson announced that Lee Riedinger, Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education Director, will be at the December 1, 2010 Research Council Meeting to discuss joint faculty appointments at OR and graduate students appointments for joint faculty. This is moving quickly and will be going up before the Board of Trustees and eventually THEC and the Provost. People may be interested in looking into what is going on. This will have to be approved by the Faculty Senate, the Board of Trustees, and THEC.

New Business

- Ken Stephenson encouraged the Research Council Members and Graduate Council Students to participate in the open forums for the Presidential search. The final five candidates are to be announced tomorrow. There will be five forums and they will be held in the Shiloh Room on the following dates and times:

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Tuesday, Oct. 12

Candidate 3, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Candidate 1, 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Candidate 2, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Candidate 5, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Candidate 4, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The open forums will be available for viewing via live Webcast. Archives of the interviews will be accessible afterward. To watch, go to <http://www.tennessee.edu/>.

Faculty, staff and students may submit questions for the candidates via UTalk at <http://president.tennessee.edu/utalk/>. The deadline to submit questions is Friday, Oct. 8. Selected questions will be asked.

There was an open discussion on questions that the candidates might be asked. Ken Stephenson will prepare a couple of questions based on this discussion and send them through utalk@tenessee.edu.

- Greg Reed gave an update on the search for the Vice Chancellor for Research position. Susan Martin is chair of the search committee. Parker Executive Search Firm has been hired to search for qualified candidates. The Chancellor's timeline is: Airport Interviews in early February; On Campus interviews of a short list of candidates in late February; Make an Offer in March; and have someone in the position by July 1, 2011.
- Ken Stephenson announced that Chancellor Jimmy Cheek will be at the November 3, 2010 Research Council Meeting for a question/answer session. Ken asked the committee to stress to the Chancellor how important research is across campus. One of the concerns Ken has is a shift in emphasis from the research push for AAU to graduation rates, retention rates, and various other things which are taking a lot of the effort on campus. Greg Reed and Bill Dunn discussed various metric systems that are used to measure universities rankings.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor