

**Research Council Meeting**

**October 8, 2014**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Blount Hall**

**Room A004**

**FINAL**

**Attendees**

Tina Shepardson (Chair)	Robert Muenchen
Benjamin Auerbach	Lisa Mullikin
Chris Boake	Janet Nelson
Bill Dunne	Christian Parigger
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Kenton Yeager
Rebecca Klenk	Jenny Onley (GSS)
Nathan Meek (GSS)	

**Guest**

Carol Malkemus and Robert Nobles

**Welcome and Remarks by the Chair – Tina Shepardson**

Tina Shepardson thanked everyone for coming to the October Research Council (RC) Meeting.

**Approval of minutes from September**

A quorum of the RC members was not present, so the Sept. 10, 2014 minutes were not voted on. Tina Shepardson asked suggested edits be e-mailed to Tina Shepardson ([cshepard@utk.edu](mailto:cshepard@utk.edu)) or Jane Taylor ([tayloje@utk.edu](mailto:tayloje@utk.edu)). The Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

**Research Relations between UTK and the College of Medicine – Mitchell Goldman**

Tina Shepardson introduced and welcomed the guest speaker, Mitchell Goldman who is Assistant Dean at UT Graduate School of Medicine and a surgeon at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. Mitchell Goldman gave a presentation titled “Research Across The River” and explained the structure of UT Medical Center (UTMC) and the UT Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) which are two separate entities. UTMC has six Centers of Excellence and physicians who practice medicine. GSM has three departments: faculty, three clinics, and seven laboratories. The faculty at the GSM are also physicians at UTMC. Faculty/physicians do not write grants, but they do collaborate on papers and are very interested in collaborating with UTK faculty. Mitchell Goldman gave examples of GSM resources, work load of faculty/physicians, various ways to collaborate, and advantages of collaborating. He gave a snapshot of funded research projects and a list of recent collaborations. GSM is currently working with Vicki Niederhauser, Dean of College of Nursing, to collaborate on research. There was a meeting with the College of Nursing and GSM a couple of weeks. The attendees were very enthusiastic about research collaboration. Mitchell Goldman may be contacted by e-mailing at [mgoldman@utmck.edu](mailto:mgoldman@utmck.edu).

**Business**

**Bylaws changes update – Shepardson**

The Bylaws changes submitted by the RC to the Faculty Senate were not voted on at the September Faculty Senate Meeting. Joanne Hall, President of the Faculty Senate, will have them on the October meeting agenda.

#### **Committee assignments – Shepardson**

The committee assignments are almost complete. Tina Shepardson will send an e-mail listing who is on each committee once the assignments are complete. The Center's Review Committee and the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure Committee is complete.

#### **SARIF Equipment Committee Report – Bill Dunne**

Bill Dunne, Chair of the SARIF Equipment Committee, gave a report on the SARIF Equipment Committee. There were 29 proposals submitted requesting \$736,000. The committee was working to provide recommendations for \$300,000 funding. The proposals were divided into two categories: (1) proposals requesting \$5,000 or less and (2) proposals requesting more than \$5,000. There were eleven proposals under \$5,000 and seven of them were recommended for funding. There were 18 proposals over \$5,000 and nine were recommended for funding and one maybe. The review yielded \$340,000 for the recommended funding total, which included the maybe. The committee's report has been submitted to Janet Nelson and Beth Neilson for their review to make final decisions. Bill Dunne thanked the committee for their hard work. Tina Shepardson also thanked the committee for their hard work.

#### **Centers Review Committee update – Kenton Yeager**

Kenton Yeager, Chair of the Centers Review Committee, reported that there are four centers under review this semester: (1) Forensic Anthropology Center, (2) Children's Mental Health Services Research Center, (3) Center for Physical Activity and Health, and (4) Center for Transportation Research. All of the centers being reviewed have submitted their reports. The committee is meeting Fri., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to break down the review process.

#### **New Business**

##### **Speaker Suggestions?**

Tina Shepardson requested that names of suggested speakers for RC meetings be e-mailed to her.

##### **Faculty research concerns?**

Tina Shepardson explained that Taylor Eighmy, John Zomchick, and Chris Cimino had not decided which one of them will make a presentation to the RC regarding the recording of faculty time. Discussions are still underway regarding this topic.

Bob Muenchen stated that OIT is completing the Web Survey Server migration to Qualtrics, and the new system is currently running surveys for over 3,000 research projects. The old SPSS Data Collection Server (a.k.a. mrlInterview) will be shut down on December 31. Anyone still needing to migrate to the new server should contact OIT as soon as possible by calling the HelpDesk at 974-9900.

Meeting ended

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor (tayloje@utk.edu)