

University of Tennessee Research Council

October 13, 2008

University Center, Executive Dining Room, Room 337

3:30 p.m.

Attending:	Joanne Hall, Chair	James Larson
	Ken Stephenson, Vice-Chair	Carol Malkemus
	Janet Brown	Michael McNeil
	Christopher Clark	Bob Muenchen
	Greer Fox	Ken Phillips
	Glenn Garber	Gina Pighetti
	Mary Gunther	Carol Tenopir
	Doug Hayes	Klaus Vandenberg
	Wes Hines	Timothy Young
	Yuri Kamyshkov	

Approval of Minutes:

The September 15, 2008 meeting minutes were amended to include Ken Phillips as attending. Move to approve: by Ken Phillips and second by Yuri Kamyshkov. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks – Joanne Hall

Joanne Hall thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also mentioned that Brad Fenwick and Greg Reed were both out of town.

Joanne Hall announced that the Graduate Council has agreed to co-sponsor a forum with the Research Council. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Room 218 at the University Center to discuss ideas for the forum. Research Council members are welcomed to attend this meeting.

Joanne Hall asked for ideas to be discussed at the Forums. Ken Stephenson commented that the forum should be to get faculty and graduate students to attend and express their concerns and ideas. The following ideas were suggested: ethics of research; graduate students being good researchers; fund raiser campaigns to support graduate students; faculty approval to direct thesis and dissertations; dissertation chairs and committee members responsibilities; peer reviews; graduate student assessment process; IGERT Program – way to train graduate students – ask faculty of previous winners to discuss ideas on research involving graduate students; restrictions on international students involvement in research; admission process for international students; recruitment of graduate students with regards to the lack of budgetary flexibility causing loss of strong candidates; and conversion of adjunct teaching positions to graduate teaching assistant positions.

Yuir Kamyshkov commented on the Graduate Student Senate not being represented at the Research Council meetings. Joanne Hall commented that Matthew Fleisher is not available to attend the meetings and that the Graduate Student Senate will be contacted and asked to send a representative.

Joanne Hall asked for reports from Committees.

Joanne Hall announced that the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure Proposals deadline is October 15, 2008. This information is posted on the Office of Research website and was announced at the Associate Deans meeting per Wes Hines.

Yuri Kamyshkov stated that the SARIF EPPE Committee has not met yet. They will schedule a meeting to discuss qualifications for an award. The committee would like to know how much money is available for this funding.

General Discussion of Forum:

Joanne Hall will resend the committee list. Joanne Hall suggested that committees meet and review criteria. The Research Promotion Committee should try to promote more research and let the public know what the committees are doing.

Ken Stephenson discussed having guest speakers where public school teachers are invited and can get in-service credit for attending the seminars/lectures. Suggestions on how to promote this were to announce it on WUTK, posters, offer it via webcast, post a schedule of speakers for six months in advance, perhaps Media Relations could assist in getting the announcements out. Another suggestion was to have guest speakers have a lecture before home football games. This is already being done by Arts and Sciences.

Ken Stephenson and Joanne Hall expressed their concerns about the budget reduction: graduate student funding and availability of courses being offered. There was a discussion on what is being done to improve the graduate program. There are two tasks: Funding Student Support - report pending; Structure of Graduate School – report is on Provost website, Strategic Planning, Final Reports, approximately a 400 page report. Ken Stephenson agreed to take a look at this report and perhaps for a synopsis of the report could be presented at a Research Council Meeting.

Wes Hines discussed issues involved in the Roth case. A system is currently being worked on to avoid students being permitted to work on research who are not eligible. The IRIS system indicates clearly which contracts have export control issues.

Wes Hines stated that Sponsored Projects have designed a ledger that is easier to read. He will send it to the Policies and Procedures Committee for approval. Joanne will try to get more RC members to look at the ledger.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor