

Research Council Meeting  
October 15, 2012  
Blount Hall  
Room 403

FINAL

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair	Tom Ladd
Itamar Arel	Megan Johnston, GSS
Chris Boake	Michael McEntee
George Dodds	Holly Mercer
Bill Dunne	Robert Muenchen
Taylor Eighmy	Steve Oliver
Matthew Gray	Stephen Paddison
Maggie Guy, GSS	Ken Phillips
Joanne Hall	Greg Reed
Federico Harte	Tina Shepardson
Ramki Kalyanaraman	Songning Zhang

Guests

Carol Malkemus

**Introduction**

Lee Han thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Taylor Eighmy, Vice Chancellor for Research. Eighmy thanked everyone for welcoming him. Eighmy commented on how delighted he and his wife are to be here at this institution.

Everyone present introduced themselves and stated their position and unit.

**Approval of minutes from September 17, 2012**

A motion was made to approve the minutes with a few corrections of typos identified by Tina Shepardson. All were in favor.

**Update from Office of Research - Taylor Eighmy, VC for Research**

Eighmy commented that he looked at the Research Council's website to see who attended and the activity of the council. He was impressed with what the council does and looks forward to participating. He looks forward to the Research Council sharing their thoughts with him. Eighmy "tipped his hat" to Lee Riedinger and Wes Hines for their service as Interim Vice Chancellor, and to Greg Reed, Jane Taylor, the Division, and the Research Council for everyone's work; and said that it is wonderful to work at such a fine institution.

Eighmy plans to have visits with agencies and leaders in Washington, DC. He has already connected with Kurt Schlieter and will be meeting with Anthony Hayes in the near future. Eighmy realizes the urgency for something to be done and would like to hear the Research Council's concerns.

Eighmy would like the Office of Research to be highly integrated in the Top 25 Strategic Plan and reinventing the Division itself. On October 23, 2012, he will be hosting the first of two or more brain storming sessions to start this process. Lee Han will be representing the Research Council at this session. Eighmy will report back to the Research Council about where the Division is going and about relevant meetings. He is interested in the Research Council members' input. One of Eighmy's goals is for the Office of Research to serve the faculty and colleges at its highest level possible to get UTK where it wants to be and needs to be. Focus will mainly be on two things: what we can be doing for the research action items in the strategic plan, and what we can be doing about refining the Division.

He is very appreciative of the Research Council's work and the various areas in which it is involved with the Office of Research.

### **Greg Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research**

Reed reported on the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure opportunity. There were 28 proposals received and 14 were funded. Reed and Bill Dunne, Chair of the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure Committee, thanked the committee members for their hard work. Reed encourages people seeking funding to contact Office of Research Staff to find ways to apply for other funds. The awarded SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure proposals are posted on the Office of Research's website.

Eighmy discussed the process to capture excellence in scholarship that is not measured by research expenditure or various proposal opportunities. He would like the council's suggestions on what constitutes a metric for excellence in scholarship.

Reed requested a recommendation in the next month or two from the OR Software Committee on search engine software so a decision can be made by January on what software to purchase.

The Library will be making a decision soon regarding the purchase of SCOPUS, which is a software system that is an enhancement on how to connect and relate to research by others and research opportunities.

Reed commented that the 1st quarter report will be distributed within the next two weeks. Proposals were up 15% compared to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter last year; new awards were down 31% compared to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter last year (most of this drop off was in campus level centers & institutes; Social Work, and Education, Health & Human Sciences – last two depend a lot on state resources); and expenditures stayed the same. There will be discussions about strategies to get more funding. A lot will depend on what Congress does and the shift in some of the major funding agencies regarding when they will accept proposals. The prime source for most of our money, 92.5%, originated from federal government. This stresses that the system, as well as the campus, needs to be engaged with federal relations.

Han recognized attendees Bob Muenchen with OIT, Carol Malkemus with Sponsored Project Accounting, and students from the Graduate Student Senate, and expressed his appreciation of their involvement with the Research Council.

Han phoned Ahmad Vakili at UTSI on the polycom so Vakili could join the meeting long distance, but Vakili could not be reached.

Han and Reed explained that Research Council members and ex-officios members are permitted to vote on Research Council matters.

## Business Items

Han discussed the various committee assignments. Han would like for each senator to have at least one position on a committee.

- Center Reviews – seven centers are scheduled to be reviewed this academic year. There are six members on this committee and one more is needed. Martin Griffin is the Chair of this committee.
- SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure – Duties completed for academic year
- SARIF EPPE – On-going committee which responds by e-mail as requests are received
- SARIF GRA – committee reviews applications in the spring
- Chancellor's Awards – committee reviews nominations in February –Tina Shepardson is Chair
- OR Software – committee currently reviewing software packages
- ORU Review – All Research Council Members should participate. Stephen Paddison will coordinate members to attend.

Bill Dunne discussed how the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure Committee broke the 28 proposals into three categories to determine which proposals should be recommended for funding. Office of Research provided additional funds to cover a greater number of the proposals.

Reed explained the various SARIF EPPE opportunities and a pilot program the Office of Research and the Library have to provide funding for open publishing. Music requests for CD publications should be made to the SARIF EPPE fund.

Lee Han announced that all future meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month, except there will not be a meeting in December. Let Han know if you cannot attend in person and would like to attend electronically.

### Suggested activities/topics from 1<sup>st</sup> RC meeting

- Chris Boake will give a presentation at the November meeting about the planning of academic buildings and the implications for Research
- David Washburn will be invited to give an update on UTRF
- Heather Hirschfeld will be invited to talk about the Marco Institute
- Tom Heffernan will be invited to discuss the new Humanities Center on campus
- Doug Birdwell will invite a speaker from Neural Science
- Representative of UTK in Washington, DC – Eighmy is interested in learning more about what the Research Council's concerns are – to take UTK to Washington, DC or to bring Washington, DC here or all of the above. Eighmy's comment opened up a discussion by several giving their thoughts and concerns.
- Research merits and issues beyond monetary measures – Han discussed getting more disciplines involved in giving research merits beyond monetary measures.
- Compliance and research misconduct issues – Eighmy discussed using Authenticate to check for plagiarism. NSF, NIH, and several journals are using it. Should plagiarism be the Office of Research's responsibility or the PIs responsibility? Han discussed issues concerning students getting involved in automobile accidents while working on research projects. Compliance and research misconduct issues will be discussed later.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor