

**Research Council Meeting
November 14, 2012
Blount Hall
Room 403**

Attendees

Lee Han, Chair	Ramki Kalyanaraman
Doug Birdwell	Yuri Kamyshkov
Chris Boake	Holly Mercer
Bill Dunne	Bob Muenchen
Martin Griffin	Ken Phillips
Joanne Hall	Greg Reed
Federico Harte	Songning Zhang

Guest

Carol Malkemus, Kelly Steele, and Scott Wall

Introduction

Lee Han thanked everyone for attending, circulated the attendance sign-in sheet, and distributed a revised agenda.

Remarks by the Chair – Han

Lee Han discussed Taylor Eighmy's first Listening Session which was held on October 23, 2012 at the UT Conference Center. Han explained how attendees were divided into nine groups; each group was given questions to discuss among themselves; and then each group gave a summary of their discussion to everyone. Han found it interesting how each group had similar summaries.

Update from Office of Research

Taylor Eighmy, VC for Research – Han apologized on Eighmy's behalf for having a conflict and being unable to attend today.

Greg Reed, Associate VC for Research

Greg Reed explained that Listening Session #1 was an all-day event which included the Office of Research Staff, Associate Deans, Deans, Center and Institute Directors who report to VCR, and Upper Administration. There were about 100 people in attendance.

Listening Session #2 is scheduled for the morning of Nov. 30th at the UT Conference Center. Invitations for this session were sent to Department Heads, Deans, Associate Deans, all Center and Institute Directors, some staff from the Office of Research, students from the Undergraduate Council, and students from the Graduate Council. Approximately 150 people have been invited.

Listening Session #3 is scheduled for the morning of Dec. 5th at the UT Conference Center. Invitations for this session were sent to New Faculty, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors, Chancellor Professors, Distinguished Scientist, Governor's Chairs, Joint Faculty at UTK and Y12, Faculty Senate Officers, Research Council Members, some staff from the Office of Research, students from the Undergraduate Council, and students from the Graduate Council. Approximately 150 people have been invited. [was postponed]

These Listening Sessions are designed to reach a lot of people in a short period of time. Responses from each session will be compiled for Eighmy by January, 2013. A summary will be posted on the web when the process is complete. An example of this process is on Texas Tech, Office of Research's, website where their final document is posted. Reed encouraged everyone to attend the session/sessions they have been invited to.

Han asked if the Office of Research will have a reorganization of staff. Reed replied that they would if it is needed to meet the needs of the campus community.

Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2012

Add Kelly Steele to attendance list; correct a few typos; Hefferman should be Heffernan, and on last page and last bullet, replace "with" with "concerning". Motion was made by Chris Boake and seconded by Martin Griffin to accept the minutes with mentioned corrections. All were in favor.

Special Presentation – Boake

Chris Boake gave a presentation titled *Planning of three Academic Buildings: the Implications for Research*

Some of the topics discussed in the presentation were:

Top 25 Goals Addressed in New Construction

General idea for research space and instructional space

Strong Hall

Gardner's Cottage

Science Building Program Goals

Science Building – Proposes site plan existing site

Science Building – Proposed site plan

Expanded Site

Melrose Hall

Funding

Stages of construction

Potential project schedule

Chris Boake suggested that she give an updated presentation in a year.

Yuri Kamyshev commented on how proud he is with the plan, but he is concerned about the Physics Building, which was not mentioned. Boake and Bill Dunne explained how space will become available as new construction and renovations are completed for relocation of units identified in the plan.

Doug Birdwell suggested having a speaker from Facilities Services talk about how new construction and renovations are planned and executed.

Han thanked Boake for an interesting presentation.

Business Items - Committee Reports

Center Review Committee – Griffin

Griffin explained that at the beginning of the academic year there were eight research centers on schedule to be reviewed this academic year – four each semester. In the meantime, it has been determined that one of those centers is a service center and one is an educational center which we are

not responsible for reviewing; one center has been postponed until Spring 2014; one center has been postponed until Spring 2013; and one center has submitted their report. That leaves one center to be reviewed this semester.

OR Software Assessment Task Force

Doug Birdwell had no update. The committee is still getting information to review. The Library has finalized the purchase of SCOPUS.

SARIF EPPE Committee

This committee is continuing to do a good job reviewing request.

Planning for other Committee Activities

- Summer GRA
- Chancellor Awards
- ORU Budget Hearings

Plagiarism Detection Technology and Policy

Bob Muenchen gave a report on interesting and various software packages available for plagiarism checking. The university offers free a software that is available through BlackBoard. There was a broad discussion among the Research Council Members about plagiarism and procedures the Research Council should look at with the Office of Research.

Research Abroad for Honors Students

Han discussed an opportunity through NSF for undergraduate students to study abroad and get credit hours. Han will also discuss this with the Undergraduate Council.

Status of Invited Speakers

Han gave an update on scheduled speakers.

- Marco Institute – Hirschfeld (02/13/2013)
- UTRF Annual Report to RC – Washburn (03/2013)
- Humanities Center – Heffernan (Han will contact Heffernan to try to schedule)
- Neuroscience... - Han will make contact to try to get this scheduled
- Listening Sessions – Han will try to schedule Eighmy

Han reminded everyone that there is no meeting in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jane Taylor