

Research Council Meeting
December 1, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
University Center, Executive Dining Room, room 337
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

FINAL

Members, Ex-officios, & GSS Representatives Attending:

Ken Stephenson	Wes Hines
Chris Boake	Baoshan Huang
JoAnne Deeken	Yuri Kamyshkov
Bill Dunne	Bob Muenchen
Matthew Gray	Ken Phillips
Joanne Hall	Greg Reed
Lee Han	

Guest Attending:

Albrecht von Arnim	Jane Breder
Thomas Handler	Lee Riedinger

Opening Remarks by Ken Stephenson, Chair

Ken Stephenson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The November 3, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted and will be posted on the web page. Ken Stephenson pointed out that the key issue on the minutes was the information recorded from Chancellor Jimmy Cheek's question and answer session.

There is a beginning of a discussion on how to address the NRC rankings. One our meetings will have some discussion about this and how to interpret the data.

Wes Hines is leading The Top 25 Task Force on research and Ken Stephenson is one of the members. Greg Reed is also it. Ken Stephenson will be pushing for the populous view for any concerns. He will be reporting for the Research Council. A report will be sent to the Board of Trustees at the June meeting. Research will be identifying stake holders, concerns and issues, running by people the edited plan and doing feedback and a revision of the plan. It is very important to get faculty's feedback.

Ken Stephenson asked Bill Dunne to give an update on the Master Plan. Bill Dunne reported that there will be a campus feedback and comment in February. It is still in the hands of the committee and the chancellor. The Master Plan Committee will give their final presentation to the Board of Trustees in June. Space is the main concern on the Chancellor's list.

Update from the Office of Research:

Wes Hines, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research

Wes Hines discussed their first Top 25 Task Force Meeting and their goals, initiatives, and metrics. The Top 25 Task Force will determine how to implement the plan and move toward the Top 25. Someone else will figure out the resources for the plan. A committee will be formed to set an implementation plan. Another committee will be formed to prioritize the plan. Another committee will determine what resources will be needed. Research space is high on the agenda.

An update was given on buildings on campus under new construction and under renovation. Even with the new research space from the new construction and renovations, the campus will be completely out of research space.

Update from Greg Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research

Greg Reed stated we have started the process for the EURēCA competition. Information has been distributed. EURēCA will be on March 29 & 30, 2011. This is a competition for undergraduate students who are doing research or creative activity who would like to display. This information is on our website, will be announced on Tennessee Today, will be announced in the Beacon, announced in the Office of Research's Newsletter, and to the Dean's and Department Heads.

Organized Research Unit (ORU) Budget Hearings will be on March 7 & 8, 2011. The notices will be sent out around campus. We would like for the Research Council to be a part of the panel to help determine how to allocate the funds on all the proposals. This is being announced on Tennessee Today, announced in the Office of Research's Newsletter, and to the Dean's and Department Heads.

The Office of Research had a trial Grant's Writers Newsletter started up and was written. A sample copy is up on our website. It is jammed full of all kinds of tips and contacts and links. The Office of Research has purchased a link to this and it comes out monthly starting December 15, 2010. This will be announced in our newsletter. The Office of Research would like your feedback on its usefulness.

New Business

Ken Stephenson introduced Lee Riedinger, Director of CIRE (Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education) who gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the new ESE (Energy Science and Engineering) graduate program, joint with ORNL. Lee Riedinger gave a Powerpoint presentation and distributed a copy of his presentation. The following topics were discussed:

- Interdisciplinary PhD in Energy Science and Engineering
- We need to increase the number of PhDs generated to work toward Top 25 status
- Energy Science and Engineering doctorate
- Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education
- Initial CIRE Board of Directors
- ESE curriculum overview
- Financial model for ESE PhD program

- CIRE faculty
- Advantages of being a CIRE faculty member
- Opportunities for graduate students in two programs, both UTK – ORNL
- ORNL is recruiting at 30 campuses this fall
- Space in CIRE

There was a lively give and take during the presentation. Among the issues that arose:

- Size of financial support and effect on other graduate programs: plan is to recruit students we would not normally get.
- Level of involvement of ORNL based faculty in the academic side: committee work, course development, etc.
- The financial model: whether ORNL may shift some funding from current graduate support, whether their groups can find the funds for overhead, tuition, stipends that these students require.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor