

The University of Tennessee
Research Council
Minutes of the Meeting
December 14, 2016

Elected Members present:

Jiangang Chen, Terry Hazen, Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, Rebecca Klenk, Casey Sams, Dawnie Steadman, and Micheline Van Riemsdijk

Ex-Officio Members present:

Teri Baxter, Christine Boake, Nancy Taylor for Lynn Hardy, Robert Muenchen, Charles Noble,

ORE Members present:

Robert Nobles

Call to order:

Micheline Van Riemsdijk called the meeting to order. A regular meeting of the Research Council was held at Blount Hall room A004 on December 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not present and the approval of the November minutes will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Presentations

Research Development Team – Kimberly Eck

Kimberly Eck provided an overview of the Research Development Team (RDT) and shared recent accomplishments. The RDT supported 32 proposals requested \$171M and of the 2015 supported proposals, \$5.5M was won. RDT is expanding Capture Management to understand the mission of the granting agency, weekly monitoring of funding opportunities and working with the agencies for an annual budget request.

RDT is also exploring 2017 Summer Faculty Fellow opportunities and strategic selection for the limited submission process creating 3 types of exceptions to the standard process. Exception 1 would be an open competition based on priorities. Exception 2 would be a closed competition with a clear UT project/PI identified. Exception 3 would be an early identification process that includes establishing a team prior to the announcement.

RDT requests feedback regarding the Faculty Fellow program and the limited submission process alternatives.

After a survey of who reads ORE's Catalyst newsletter, it was determined to add UTIA to the distribution list.

It was proposed that the RDT consider creating an advisory group of Governor's Chairs and Distinguished Fellows to provide input and support for early identification process.

Research Computing Support – Bob Muenchen

The Research Computing department helps UT researchers use information technology or analytic methods to acquire, manage, visualize, analyze, archive and share data and assist with disseminating results.

A staff of 6 is currently working on over 100 projects each to provide consulting services to assist researchers on structuring effective surveys; managing data to determine potential errors, missing data; data visualization and analysis including qualitative and content analysis; and effective visual graphics, tables and results reports for dissemination. They have over 30 software programs for data acquisition, numbers, text, images and audio/video. The Newton Project is within the group.

Taylor Eighmy recommended that Research Computing support link be added to the ORE website to benefit researchers.

New Business:

New bylaws were introduced with changes to the nomination process for the Research Council chair position.

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Blount Hall A004.

Zoom #: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/311150213>

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Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown