

The University of Tennessee  
Research Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 11, 2017

**Elected Members present:**

Doris D'Souza, Qiang He, Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, Rebecca Klenk, Casey Sams, Dawnie Steadman, and Micheline Van Riemsdijk

**Ex-Officio Members present:**

Teri Baxter, Bill Dunne, Taylor Eighmy, Robert Muenchen, Bonnie Ownley, and David White.

**ORE Members present:**

Jean Mercer and 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 January 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A quorum was not present and the approval of the November and December minutes as well as the proposed by-law changes. It will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

**Presentations**

**ORE Strategic Plan Update – Taylor Eighmy**

Taylor Eighmy provided an update the ORE Strategic Plan with a vision of fostering excellence, promote transdisciplinary discovery and facilitate external partnerships. The strategic plan is in support of the Vol Vision 2020 and will integrate with the college and division strategic plans. Of the six priority areas, ORE supports 3 of the 13 metrics which include Federal Research Expenditures, Total Research Expenditures, and Faculty Awards. Each of the priority areas will have associated actions with specific initiatives, anticipated start times and implementation leads. Dr. Eighmy will be meeting with the ORE staff to discuss the metric initiatives with potential to enhance, modify and add additional metrics to the plan.

**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 4:30 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Blount Hall A004.

Zoom ID: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/701978413>

*If you plan on attending via Zoom, please notify Paula Brown, [pbrown45@utk.edu](mailto:pbrown45@utk.edu).*

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