The University of Tennessee
Research Council
Minutes of the Meeting
February 8, 2017

Elected Members present:
Jay Chen, Doris D’Souza, Alex Freire, Qiang He, Rebecca Koszalinski, Lisa Mullikin, Casey Sams, John Schmisseur (via Zoom), Vandana Singh (via Zoom), and Micheline Van Riemsdijk

Ex-Officio Members present:
Teri Baxter, Chris Boake, Bill Dunne, Holly Mercer, Robert Muenchen, Bonnie Ownley (via Zoom), and David White.

ORE Members present:
Jean Mercer

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 February 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm.

Research Council Sub Committee – Chancellor’s Awards Update
Alex Freire updated the committee on the Chancellor Awards’ submissions and previous winners. There are 5 submissions for Multi-Discipline, twenty-four submissions for Professional Promise for Research and Creativity (PPRCA), and fifteen submissions for Research and Creative Awards (RCA). Four awards will be presented to faculty for PPRCA and RCA. Only one award will be provided for the Multi-Discipline award.

Presentations
Research Communications – Erin Chapin
Erin Chapin provided an overview of the ORE’s Research Communications office. She provides media relations, creative communications, and video & photography for ORE while working closely with the University’s Communications office. ORE Communications includes several websites related to Research, publishing newsletters and financial reports and many online presences with Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Flickr, YouTube and Infogr.am. An important initiative is supporting the strategic planning efforts for ORE, and communicate accomplishments and recognition of faculty.

Approval of Minutes:
A quorum was present. The November, December and January minutes were approved.

New Business:
New bylaws were introduced with changes to the nomination process for the Research Council chair position. Casey Sams made a motion to approve and Qiang He seconded the motion to approve the Bylaw changes.

Adjournment:
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.
Next Meeting:
   Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Blount Hall A004.
Zoom ID:  https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/374192485
If you plan on attending via Zoom, please notify Paula Brown, pbrown45@utk.edu.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown