

The University of Tennessee
Research Council
Minutes of the Meeting
April 12, 2017

Elected Members present:

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

Ex-Officio Members present:

Teri Baxter, Chris Boake, Bill Dunne, Taylor, Eighmy, Holly Mercer, Robert Muenchen, Charles Noble, and Bonnie Ownley.

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 April 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm.

Presentations

[Federal Update – Jim Kohlenberger, President of JK Strategies \(see attached bio\)](#)

Jim Kohlenberger provided a status of Federal update specifically regarding the President's proposed budget which could have significant impact on research activities, 'deepest cuts in basic science since the Apollo program'. He shared that 50% of economic growth since WWII can be traced to investments in R&D.

[Reporting Total Research Expenditures \(TRE\) – Taylor Eighmy](#)

TRE is a metric used by organizations including the NSF and Center for Measuring University Performance (CMUP) to rank universities and is a primary metric for UTK. There are four 'areas' of research expenses and until recently, only three of those areas were available to capture and report: Competitively Awarded Internal Grants for Research, Startup/Bridge/Seed Funding, and Tuition Assistance for Student Research Personnel. The fourth area Other Departmental funds for Research was not specifically a budget line-item and ORE and Finance are proposing a new method for capturing this portion of the TRE metric. Please see attached presentation for more information.

Research Council Sub Committee

[Summer GRA Awards](#)

The Summer GRA announcements were released today, April 12 with 25 awards out of the 42 proposals.

[Institutional Compliance Committee – Need RC Senator](#)

Robert Nobles will provide expectations of this committee and its members to the chair. This would be for the 2017 – 2018 academic Year

Nominations for Research Council Chair

Nominations were requested for individuals who would be willing to serve as chair for Academic Year 2017 – 2018. Qian He was nominated by Bill Dunne, supported by Terry Hazen. Micheline will provide all nominations to the committee for a vote.

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not present. Approval of minutes will be requested via email in the future.

New Business:

Center Reviews

The RC Chair shared with the Research Council that there are a significant number of center reviews on the schedule for the upcoming academic year. It was proposed that the center review responsibility for college-level centers be given back to the colleges which could ensure alignment with the college and ORE strategic goals. A list of college centers will be provided to each appropriate RC member and discussions regarding proposals for center reviews at the college level will be discussed in the future.

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 3:30 pm at Blount Hall A004.

Zoom ID <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/108722372>

If you plan on attending via Zoom, please notify Paula Brown, pbrown45@utk.edu.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown