

The University of Tennessee
Research Council
Minutes of the Meeting
September 13, 2017

Elected Members present:

Jay Chen, Isalm El-adaway, Julia Jaekel, Juan, Jurat-Fuentes, Qiang He (Chair), Michael Kilbey, Rebecca Koszalinski, Jacob Latham, Andreas Nebenfuehr, Casey Sams, Brynn Voy, Shellen Wu, and Xiaopeng Zhao

Ex-Officio Members present:

Katherine Ambroziak, Teri Baxter, Chris Boake, Bruce LaMattina, Robert Muenchen, and David White

Call to order:

Qiang He called the meeting to order. A regular meeting of the Research Council was held at Blount Hall room A004 on September 13, 2017. The meeting called to order at 3:45 pm. Due to class schedules ending at 3:30 pm, the meeting will begin at 3:40 pm.

Announcements and Reports

Committee Assignments – Qiang He

The membership of the Research Council has increased to 20 members which will assist in four major tasks for committee assignments. The following are the committee assignments for the Research Council 2017 – 2018:

Centers and Institutes Review Committee

Juan Jurat-Fuentes (Chair)
Jiangang (Jay) Chen (Co Chair)
Islam El-adaway
Julia Jaekel
Michael Kilbey
Andreas Nebenfuehr
Shellen Wu

Chancellor's Awards Committee

Soren Sorensen (Chair)
Chris Boake
Bill Dunne
Jacob Latham
Greg Reynolds
Brynn Voy

SARIF Equipment Fund Committee

Xiaopeng Zhao (Chair)
Chris Boake
Bill Dunne
Yuri Efremenko
Rebecca Koszalinski
Jon Phipps (Core Facilities Director)
John Schmisser

SARIF Graduate Research Assistantship Committee

George Siopsis (Chair)
David Icove
Holly Mercer
Casey Sams
Tami Wyatt

Core Facilities Advisory Committee Representative

Bob Muenchen

Institutional Compliance Committee Representative

Asafa Jalata

Status of Centers and Institutes Review Committee – Juan Jurat-Fuentes

Dr. Eighmy, prior to his departure sent an email to Deans and ADRs regarding the centers currently in their college and reviewed by the Research Council. Each college was to indicate if the center was included in the college's strategic plan and if the college wishes the Research Council to continue oversight reviews. The final list will be provided at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Presentations:

Introduction to the New Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Development (AVCRD) – Bruce LaMattina

With the Office of Research and Engagement, AVCRD encompasses proposal development support, interdisciplinary research, faculty development workshops, internal seed funding for research investments, core facilities, and most importantly, we measure what we do with research informatics. Moving forward ORE will be more purposeful in measuring outcomes related to funding. It is the goal to know our research differentiators that will move the research enterprise forward.

ORE administers the SARIF (Scholarly Activity and Research Incentive Fund) which provide programs to faculty and principal investigators assistance with foreign travel, publishing, open source publishing and STIR (Strategic and Transformative Investments in Research) funds broader strategic research opportunities that emphasize the intended transformative nature of the investment.

New programs are under development that will help foster diversification of research funding streams, create a systematic approach to research, and align programs to research strategies while measure across the entire spectrum. Feedback on these programs will be requested from you, Deans, and ADRs.

ORE's dynamic systems approach will include alignment of UT's differentiators to the agency priorities, partner internally as well as externally with other agencies, corporations, consortia, etc. and network to continue gathering research intelligence to capitalize on the next grand challenge.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: October 11, 2017 @3:30 pm in Blount Hall A004.

Zoom Attendance: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/705429195>, please confirm with Paula Brown