The University of Tennessee

Research Council

Minutes of the Meeting

February 13, 2019

**Attendance:**

**Elected Members present:**

David Butler, Jay Chen, Qiang He, Rebecca Koszalinski, Bob Muenchen, Andreas Nebenfuehr, Tore Olsson, Greg Reynolds, Casey Sams, Carol Tenopir, and Soren Sorensen (Chair)

**Ex-Officio Members present:**

Chris Boake, Bill Dunne, Holly Mercer, David White

**ORE Members present:** Jean Mercer

**Call to order:**

Soren Sorensen called the meeting to order. A regular meeting of the Research Council was held at Blount Hall room A004 on February 13, 2019. The meeting called to order at 3:35 pm.

**New Business**

University of Tennessee Research Organization – Stacey Patterson, Vice President of Research, Outreach and Economic Development

Dr. Stacey presented the information about the UT’s Research Organization and UT Research Foundation (UTRF) which are two separate entities. At the system level, UT Research is responsible for UT research system-wide, the federal partnership with ORNL, and state representatives including the Board of Regents. She is responsible for all compliance and reporting for the UT system, working closely with ORE. The presentation is business confidential and for that reason the presentation will not be shared. Some of the discussion is shared below.

Statements (S), Questions (Q) and Answers (A) from the Council

Q: How much is ORNL involved in JIAM? A: Robert Nobles, Stacey Patterson and Michele Buchanan continuing look for collaborative opportunities, not just in JIAM, but other Joint Institutes.

S: IACMI is a $259M program over 5 years. Dr. Patterson is working with all stakeholders on how to sustain after the 5 year funding ends. IACMI has been a big boost raising UT’s reputation.

S: UTRF is the 2nd oldest research foundation in the country. It was originally created with UTIA’s super strawberries.

S: Due to UT’s non-profit status, UT is not able to own equity in a corporation and thus the foundation was born. The foundation helps to expedite leasing and contracts for real estate as well.

Q: How does UT compare with profit sharing with the PI? A: UT is more generous than most.

Q: What is the status of Cherokee Farms? A: Cherokee Farms may be fully occupied with a potential upcoming agreement.

Q: What is the barrier to Life Science Research? A: UT’s medical school is in Memphis which limits much of the life science collaboration.

S: Dr. Patterson is

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: March 13, 2019 @3:30 pm in Blount Hall A004.