The University of Tennessee

Faculty Senate Research Council

Minutes of the Meeting

January 8, 2020

**Elected Members present:**

Graciela Cabana, Sherry Cox, Qiang He, David Icove, Julia Jaekel, Michael Kilbey, Andreas Nebenfuehr, Tore Olsson, Stephen Paddison, Zach Sims, Soren Sorensen, and Andrew Yu.

**Ex-Officio Members present:**

Suzie, Allard, Ernest Brothers, Kimberly Eck, Michael Higdon, Larry McKay, Holly Mercer, Bill Nugent, Josh Price, David White, and Tami Wyatt

**ORE Members present:**

Shawn Campagna, Bruce LaMattina, Marisa Moazen, and Sarah Pruett

**Call to order:**

A regular meeting of the Research Council was held at Blount Hall room A004 on January 8 2019. Michael Kilbey called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

**Announcements and Reports**

**Update on SARIF Equipment Fund Committee (*Soren Sorensen*)**

* Twenty one applications were received with 16 were awarded a total of $296,105. Notifications were sent December 2, 2019.

**Old Business -Presentation**

**Presentation and discussion of strategic initiatives in ORE (*Shawn Campagna*)**

* UT Core Facilities Program support the research mission by providing faculty and staff with access to state-of-the-art resources and expert resource scientists; develop the research community by fostering collaborative opportunities serving a diverse range of faculty; fulfill the educational mission by providing student with experiential learning opportunities through training and access to instrumentation and provide expert service to faculty and external partners. *See attached presentation for more information.*
* The Science Alliance Strategic Plan encompasses five areas with specific programs for each. For more information, contact Shawn Campagna.
	+ Undergraduate Development – SMaRT: Science Alliance (SA) Student Mentoring and Research Training
	+ Graduate Development – SA:GATE: SA: Graduate Advancement, Training, and Education; This program uses a competitive application process and will redeploy funding for graduate students provided by SA.
	+ Faculty Development Fellows: Fellowships in the amount of $50k made through a nomination based on data and analytics; awards to be 2-3 years in duration.
	+ Faculty-ORNL Staff Collaboration Development – StART: SA: Support for Affiliated Research Teams and JDRD: Joint Directed Research and Development Program. This program will support UTK-initiated research projects that align with ORNL programs. Funding at a level of approximately $75k with the possibility of a single renewal is anticipated.
	+ Joint Scientific Program Development – SA:PaCT: SA: Partnerships and Collaborative Teams. This program intends to support teams of scientists for 1-3 years on efforts that align with ORNL DRD (Directed research development) initiatives. Funding level may be up to $500k, with support being staged with go/no-go metrics on publications and proposal submissions throughout the first year.

**New Business**

**Revision of Bylaws concerning Research Council**

* Revised Research Council Bylaws were reviewed, amended and approved by the Research Council members. These will be transmitted to the President of Faculty Senate for inclusion in a wholesale update of Faculty Senate bylaws.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: February 12, 2020 @3:30 pm in Blount Hall A004.