The University of Tennessee

Faculty Senate Research Council

Minutes of the Meeting

March 11, 2020

**Elected Members present:**

Chris Boyer, Graciela Cabana, Sherry Cox, Qiang He, Michael Kilbey, Andreas Nebenfuehr, Sean Schaeffer, Zach Sims, Soren Sorensen, and Andrew Yu.

**Ex-Officio Members present:**

Suzie Allard, Kimberly Eck, Larry McKay, Matthew Mench, Josh Price, and David White

**ORE Members present:**

Jean Mercer

**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**

**Updates on Research Council Committees**

Summer GRA Fund Update – 47 applications were received and 31 were reviewed by committee. *Update:* *18 applications were funded and faculty were notified on April 3*.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes were approved online by email.

**Old Business -Presentation**

* None

**New Business**

**Infrastructure for computing and results from faculty survey – Joel Reeves, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer**

Office of Information Technology (OIT) took responsibility for the ACF project on December 1, 2019 with Victor Hazelwood was named the interim director beginning on January 1, 2020. The initial budget was confirmed for ACF based on current UTK and UTHSC funding levels. The ACF Institutional Advisory Board and the Faculty Advisory Board have met frequently. The membership is below:

**ACF Institutional Advisory Board Members**

* Ken Brown, Executive Vice Chancellor, UTHSC
* Chris Cimino, Sr. Vice Chancellor, Finance & Administration
* Dan Harder, Vice Chancellor for IT and Chief Information Officer
* Steve Goodman, Vice Chancellor for Research, UTHSC
* Matthew Mench, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research
* Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research
* Joel Reeves, Associate Vice Chancellor & Chief Information Officer
* Steve Schwab, Chancellor, UTHSC

**ACF Faculty Advisory Board Members**

* Jim Coder, Assistant Professor, UTK
* Bob Davis, Professor, UTHSC
* Karen Johnson, Professor and Chair, UTHSC
* Sharani Roy, Assistant Professor, UTK
* Doug Stefanski, Assistant Professor, UTK
* Rob Williams, Professor, UTHSC

See attached presentation

**Discussion – Matthew Mench**

Matthew Mench discussed several topics with the Research Council:

* COVID-19
* Campus and Lab Safety Plans

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: April meeting is canceled. Next scheduled meeting will be May 13