The University of Tennessee

Faculty Senate Research Council

Minutes of the Meeting

May 13, 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, David Anderson, Ernest Brothers, Shawn Campagna, Bill Dunne, Kimberly Eck, Michael Higdon, Steve Kania, Larry McKay, Matthew Mench, Holly Mercer, Charles Noble, Josh Price, Jonathan Wall, David White, and Tami Wyatt

**ORE Members present:**

Jean Mercer, Marisa Moazen and Sarah Pruett

**Call to order:**

A regular meeting of the Research Council was held via Zoom and Michael Kilbey called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

**Announcements and Reports**

**Updates on Research Council Committees**

Research Center Review Committee – David Icove shared draft reports have been created and committee is currently making comments.

Human Subjects – Julia Jaekel indicated that there is no change since the last meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

* March minutes were approved by email. The April meeting was cancelled.

**Old Business -Presentation**

* None

**New Business**

**Update on phased research re-opening and changes in ORE programs - Matthew Mench**

Staff Updates:

* + Dr. Crawford will officially report August 1, 2020. She is getting up to speed as she transitions.
	+ Donna Cochran retired. The position will be held for Dr. Crawford to hire. Renee Thomas serves as interim.
	+ Kristine Hershberger resigned.

Campus Phased-Opening:

* + Work from home is still encouraged; all those who can should continue to work from home.

Internal Funds:

* + All SARIF funds are currently paused except for EPPE Art, Subvention, and Other as well as Open Publishing.
	+ All commitments will be honored.
	+ The pause allows the new VCR flexibility to make changes.

**Update on planning from Research subcommittee of the Re-Imagining Fall Task Force - Bill Dunne**

Recommendations are due to Chancellor Plowman by May 18. Various options were discussed including online only and hybrid models. Questions from the Research Council included graduate students, international students, and funding distribution. *(See Attached)*

**2020-2021 Chair of the Research Council – Michael Kilbey**

The two nominees, Julia Jaekel and Qiang He, were introduced, addressed the council and fielded questions.

Dr. Kilbey will send an email with instructions for voting for the 2020-2021 Chair of the Research Council. Members serving next semester were also asked to include if they want to change their committee assignment.

**Update of Election Result**: The result from voting was that Julia Jaekel is recommended to serve as Chair for the 2020-2021 academic year. This outcome shared via email to the Research Council and also communicated to Shawn Spurgeon, Faculty Senate President-Elect.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: This was the last meeting for the 2019 – 2020 Research Council