The University of Tennessee

Research Council

Minutes of the Meeting

November 13, 2019

**Elected Members present:**

Chris Boyer, Sherry cox, David Icove, Michael Kilbey, Tore Olsson, Stephen Paddison, Sean Schaeffer, Soren Sorensen, Andrew Yu and Xiaopeng Zhao.

**Ex-Officio Members present:**

Suzie, Allard, Bill Dunne, Michael Higdon, Kimberly Eck, Larry McKay, Holly Mercer, Robert Nobles, Josh Price, David White, and Tami Wyatt

**ORE Members present:**

Jean Mercer

**Call to order:**

Michael Kilbey called the meeting to order. A regular meeting of the Research Council was held at Blount Hall room A004 on September 11, 2019. The meeting called to order at 3:34 pm.

**Announcements and Reports**

**Centers and Institutes Review Committee Update (David Icove, Committee Chair)**

* The two center directors have been notified with a report due January 2. See timeline and additional information below:

**Centers:**

The Center for Environmental Biotechnology (CEB), Dr. Loeffler

Center for Advanced Systems Research and Education, Dr. Sawhney

**Timeline for Review:**

* PI submits Progress Report and Strategic Plan by January 2, 2019
* Research Council and key ORE staff review documents by January 31, 2020
* Research Council and key ORE staff draft questions and tentative recommendations February 15, 2020
* PI delivers brief presentation to Center and Institute Review Committee, of the Research Council to be scheduled (end of February)
  + 15 minutes assembling and introductions
  + 30 minute presentation:
    - 10 minute overview of center
    - 10 minutes discussion of recent accomplishments (mainly prior year)
    - 10 minute discussion on three-year strategic plan
  + 30 minutes questions and answers
  + 15 minutes conclusion
* Research Council and ORE staff finalize draft recommendations and provide them to the Vice Chancellor for Research by March 15, 2020
* Vice Chancellor for Research reviews and approves by March 31, 2020
* Recommendations transmitted to PI by March 31, 2020

**Bylaws Update Working Group**

* Faculty Senate reviewing all Faculty Senate Committee bylaws with proposed changes due January 2020 and a February/March 2020 vote.

**Discussion on the next two meetings: December 11 and January 8**

* A motion was made, seconded and the accepted into record to not meet on December 11 and to keep the January 8 meeting date.

**Old Business - *None***

**Presentation**

**Update on Oak Ridge Institute – UT Vice President for Research, Outreach and Economic Development, Stacey Patterson**

A recommendation report is due to the Board by December 31, 2019. It will include a framework that allows for Infrastructure, People, and Collaborative Opportunities to converge, establish and align policy between the University and ORNL resulting in performance metrics and expected outcomes. The next steps will include communicating to stakeholders. Council members and Dr. Patterson had a brief question and answer session.

**New Business**

**Discussion with Interim Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement, Robert Nobles**

This will be Dr. Nobles’ last Research Council meeting. He will be the Vice President for Research Administration at Emory University. Dr. Nobles shared his thoughts about his 6 year tenure at the University. He laid a strong foundation over the last six years by enhancing strategy, operational efficiency, and compliance to support UT’s research faculty and staff.

A motion was made, seconded and accepted to express appreciation and honor Dr. Nobles for his service, leadership and innovation in Research and Engagement at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Brown

Next Meeting: January 8, 2020 @3:30 pm in Blount Hall A004.