Research Council Meeting  
November 9, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Executive Dining Room, University Center

FINAL

Members, Ex-officios, & GSS Representatives Attending:

- Lee Han  
- Itamar Arel  
- Doug Birdwell  
- Chris Boake  
- Jim Conant  
- JoAnne Deeken  
- Bill Dunne  
- Martin Griffin  
- Joanne Hall  
- Tom Handler  
- Wes Hines  
- Bob Muenchen  
- Ken Phillips  
- Greg Reed

Guest Attending:
- Carol Malkemus

Opening Remarks by Lee Han, Chair
Lee Han distributed the meeting’s agenda with an addendum.

Lee Han and others present suggested the October 12, 2011 minutes be amended as follows:
- Fourth paragraph under Opening Remarks by Lee Han, Chair should read Lee Han reported on the …
- Jim Conant was present at the October 12, 2011 meeting.
- Correct spelling of names – Griffin Martin should be Martin Griffin and JoAnne Hall should be Joanne Hall.

Doug Birdwell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. JoAnne Deeken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lee Han attended the Executive Council Meeting. He also attended the Strategic Planning Meeting where there was a discussion on what the purpose/identity of the system. Lee Han asked about the relationship between and the visions for UT’s Research Foundation and UTK’s Office of Research.

David Washburn has been hired to fill the position of Vice President for the Research Foundation. The Research Foundation will now start searching for licensing staff. Wes Hines explained how the Vice President for the Research Foundation position reports in comparison to the Vice Chancellor for Research position.

Lee Han mentioned the Capital Outlay Plan which was discussed at the Executive Council Meeting. Research space is a part of this plan. Bill Dunne and Wes Hines elaborated on this topic by explaining the impact additional laboratory space would have on various buildings on campus. The Top 25 Master Plan has science and engineering buildings listed in the top three buildings. The space listed in the plan can be used for multiple areas of research.
Lee Han talked about Mic/Nite held at the Valarium on Oct. 19th being a topic of discussion at the Executive Council Meeting. This event only cost $2,500 because the Valarium waived the fee. Each college was asked to submit presentations to highlight the work going on in the colleges.

Lee Han announced that Faculty Pub is now open at Bridgeview Grill on the third floor of the UT boathouse on Neyland Drive. The Faculty Pub aims to provide a relaxed environment for faculty and administrators to gather. It is open each Thursday for the remainder of the semester.

**Update from the Office of Research**

**Wes Hines, Interim VC for Research**

VC search status – the search committee has given their report to the Chancellor.

Wes Hines discussed the Top 25 Task Force’s initiative on the website assisted system. About a year ago he also discussed this with Margie Nichols. Margie Nichols discussed using a system such as Web Press with OIT. Approval has been received to use Web Press. Margie Nichols is ready to develop a generic research website. Wes Hines asked for volunteers for a committee to determine what is needed on the website. Lee Han and Doug Birdwell volunteered to be on this committee. Others interested should send an e-mail to Wes Hines. This will be an ad hoc committee.

**Greg Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor**

Greg Reed gave an update on FY 11 MOD activity level. There are two campuses represented on this council.

| Disclosures | 38 Knoxville |
| Patents Applications | 22 Institute of Agriculture |
| Patents Issued | 23 Knoxville |
| | 11 Institute of Agriculture |
| | 8 Knoxville |
| | 2 Institute of Agriculture |

Licensing revenue for all campuses for six licenses was a total of $1.34M. So far, no new license has been issued for this year.

Greg Reed discussed items that will be coming up soon.

The National Task Force is discussing eliminating the effort certification report

NIH is coming out with a requirement that if anyone funded by them has a change in their potential conflict of interest anytime, they will have to report the conflict within 30 days. The Office of Research will distribute information on this.

Greg Reed announced that E-Verifying will be a requirement effective January 1, 2012. UT will E-Verify all new employees. Carol Malkemus discussed that all UT-Battelle awards now require E-Verify. Account numbers that require E-Verify are flagged in the system.
Greg Reed mentioned that another proposal is being discussed that on January 1, 2013 reports from all projects funded by federal money will be required to be posted on a public website. This is out for comments at all research universities now. Restricted information will not be required to be posted. The Office of Research will distribute information as received.

**Business Items**

Lee Han discussed the various committees under the Research Council and who was on each committee.

Bill Dunne requested having a Chancellor’s Awards Committee Meeting before a decision is made. Tom Handler agreed. The announcement for this award has not been published yet.

Yuri Kamyskrov withdrew from the SARIF Equipment and Infrastructure Committee because he was in a group who submitted a proposal. Greg Reed explained that the total amount requested is usually not a lot more than the funds available.

Lee Han announced that the ORU Budget Review Committee will be coordinated by Steve Paddison. This is an ad hoc committee. Everyone on the Research Council should participate.

Greg Reed announced that the research centers reports for this semester will be delivered to the committee tomorrow. Expenditure reports which is information gathered from IRIS will be included in the reports.

**Future Meeting Activities Discussed**

December 14th meeting will be cancelled.
January 11th meeting will be cancelled.
February 8th meeting will be moved to Feb. 1st.

Guest speakers planned for future meetings:

- Glen Graber and Brenda Lawson – Discuss human subject process and simplifying IRB
- David Washburn, Vice President for the Research Foundation – Discuss mission and direction of the Research Foundation
- Tom Heffernan, Professor in English Department and Interim Director of Humanities Center, to discuss the new Humanities Center

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Taylor