



Research Council

Minutes

Date: September 28, 2015 Start time: 11:30a.m. Adjournment Time: 12:30p.m. Location: 150 Sugar Hall

CHAIR	Dr. Kevin Baer
SECRETARY	Elizabeth Stammerjohan
ATTENDEES	Dr. Kevin Baer, Dr. Katherine Boswell, Dr. Karen Briski, Dr. Leonard Clark, Dr. Khalid El Sayed, Dr. Ann Findley, Dr. Gary Findley, Dr. Karen Frye, Dr. Seetharama Jois, Dr. Terry Jones, Dr. Elizabeth Stammerjohan, Dr. Matthew Talbert, Ms. Lawanna Bell, Ms. Diana Gooden
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Dr. Aimee Galick, Dr. Matt Lovett, Mr. Don Smith, Dr. Neil White, Dr. Paul Wiedemeier

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS			
This was the first Fall 2015 meeting of this research council so there were no minutes to approve.			
Next meeting scheduled for October 19, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. at 150 Sugar Hall			
DISCUSSION TOPICS			
Dr. Stammerjohan volunteered to be secretary.			
Review and Discussion of Indirect Cost Return and Use Policy: It was cited as a motivating policy that should be retained and used as is to encourage research. There were some discussions as to the uses of the funds on the part of the university versus the investigators and maintenance of equipment, etc. Moved by Dr. Frye, seconded by Dr. Jois.			
The council's main charge is to develop a strategic plan for research in alignment with ULM 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, including developing strategic goals. In the future subcommittees will create Action Steps. Dr. Baer provided statements from ULM documents regarding mission, vision, and values. It was decided that it would be useful to have a spreadsheet by college regarding grants and contract research in order to set goals. Ms. Gilbert-Bell believed she could develop that information before the next meeting. The importance of including maintenance contracts in grant proposals was discussed. It was also discussed that the above Indirect Cost Return and Use Policy was one of the best motivating tools that the University had.			
CONCLUSIONS			
The council voted to retain and use the current Indirect Cost Return and Use Policy as is, with no one opposed.			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Information on current funded research levels		Gilbert-Bell	10/19/2015

Approved by committee/council chair Yes on 10/19/2015