



Research Council

Minutes

Date: Sept 20, 2016 Start time: 11:00 a.m. Adjournment Time: 11:45 a.m. Location: 150 Sugar Hall

CHAIR	Kevin Baer
SECRETARY	Elizabeth Stammerjohan
ATTENDEES	Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Dr. Kevin Baer, Dr. Sean Chenoweth, Dr. Khalid El Sayed, Dr. David Irwin, Ms. Megan Lowe, Dr. Sami Nazzal, Dr. Adam Pate, Dr. Elizabeth Stammerjohan, Dr. Neil White
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Dr. Katherine Boswell, Dr. Jana Sutton, Dr. Richard Thurlkill, Dr. Paul Wiedemeier

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	
DISCUSSION TOPICS	<p>After Introductions, Dr. Baer brought the Research Council up to date with a summary of last year’s meetings. It was noted that the Louisiana Research Corporation director position will be filled with a person who is half that position and half-assistant to Dr. Pani. The search is ongoing, and the search committee is being chaired by Dr. Chris Gissendanner. It was also noted that although the council had recommended the university honor its policy on returning overhead to faculty, that policy is still suspended.</p> <p>Dr. Stammerjohan volunteered to be the secretary again. Dr. Baer called for volunteers to be the vice-chair of the council.</p> <p>Dr. Baer informed us that our charge for this year is to assist the Director of the Louisiana Research Corporation. We will request a meeting with Dr. Pani to try to get more information on how we can do that. We should also ask how our previous mission, vision, and goals are viewed and whether we should continue with that line of work. Responding to a question from Dr. Nazzal, Dr. Baer explained that the purpose of the research corporation is to find grants and bring together expertise from faculty, industry, and government to win and work these grants. He pointed out that the model was based on GeorgiaTech. Dr. El Sayed noted that an important task for that director should be to build infrastructure to market the inventions/patents/etc. of the university, since there is a lot of innovation going on, but no expertise in how to monetize them. Dr. Nazzal also mentioned the difficulty of finding a director with expertise in obtaining government funding as prioritized by the administration and industry funding.</p> <p>Dr. Irwin asked whether there was any charge to the research council to find ways to help each other, all researchers across campus? Dr. Baer thought perhaps that would be something that could come under the heading of strategic plan action steps, following on our previous work. While some faculty have their research on their websites, perhaps not all do, and also, there is perhaps not a standard format. Ms. Lowe suggested the university repository, where people could post white papers, etc. She noted that there are issues with patents etc, and that because of that, it would require substantial technological resources.</p> <p>Dr. White mentioned negotiating grant overhead. He felt that he had been burned as a new faculty member, because he did not realize that the university would take 41% of what he was paid to do the research, so</p>

perhaps one thing the research council could do is try to help educate/make policy/negotiate overhead so that that sort of thing wasn't a surprise. It was noted that the university does negotiate, and that some funding agencies have caps on overhead, which typically the university will agree to.

CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS			
		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dr. Baer will ask Dr. Pani to joint us for a Q&A so that we can be more productive in our charge of helping the director.		Dr. Baer	10-4-16

Approved by committee/council chair X Yes on 10/4/2016