

University Research Council
March 20, 2006

Members Present: Bulot (Chair), Eaton (Ex-officio), Li, Low, Shah, Williamson
Members Excused: Bryan, Carr, McGahan, Parker, Roberts

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm
2. **Prioritize future Agenda:** Intellectual Property, Indirect Costs, Budget and Future of Research Funding.
3. **Graduate students and join productivity.** Eaton stated that any issues concerning formatting of thesis or dissertation should be addressed in the Graduate Council and not the Research Council. Membership agreed. Questions arose on whether it was possible to have theses published on microfilm and PROQUEST. According to Eaton, this is standard procedure for dissertations, not for a thesis. However, if a student wishes to pay to have it published in this manner then they can. Finally, it is the opinion of the graduate school that a thesis should be formatted in a journal format. The quality and depth are greatly lacking.
4. **Rotation of members.** Due to the various reorganizations of this committee, the issue of rotation needs to be addressed. This item will be postponed until a later point.
5. **Research Infrastructure.** This issues was approached during the last semester. However, due to other demands of the committee related to budget adjustments throughout the university, we were not able to discuss research infrastructure. It was the decision of the committee that this should be the primary focus for the next few meetings – developing and identifying the research infrastructure at the University. The first step in this is data gathering. This will be accomplished by Dr. Eaton and Bulot and committee as follows:
 - a) Each committee member will begin by surveying his own department to identify which resources are available. This information, among other things, will be used to develop an “instrument” to gather information from the university community.
 - b) Dr. Eaton will generate data, by college, on grant writing activity
 - c) Dr. Bulot will investigate whether it is possible to use the Faculty Activities Database to obtain publications by college/department.
 - d) Dr. bulot will request permission from the Provost’s office to obtain annual reports from each dean – this data will go into identifying “knowledge” resources available on campus.
 - e) Dean Smith will be asked to attend the next meeting of the research council to discuss the research infrastructure of the ULM Library.
6. **Adjournment.** Dr. McGahan is working with the Mayor’s office, is pushing for a research and development corridor along Desiard street. April 21st there will be a grant writing workshop. Graduate Studies and Research will be sending out more information.

Next Meeting April 24, 2006 – Location TBA