



Research Council

Minutes

Date: October 19, 2015 Start time: 11:30a.m. Adjournment Time: 12:30p.m. Location: 150 Sugar Hall

CHAIR	Kevin Baer
SECRETARY	Elizabeth Stammerjohan
ATTENDEES	Dr. Kevin Baer, Dr. Karen Briski, 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,
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Dr. Katherine Boswell, Dr. Leonard Clark, Dr. Aimee Galick, Dr. Matt Lovett, Mr. Don Smith, Dr. Neil White, Dr. Paul Wiedemeier

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<p>It was moved by Dr. Frye and Seconded by Dr. Ann Findley to approve the minutes of September 28, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. at 150 Sugar Hall</p> <p>Dr. Baer mentioned that he had posted a spreadsheet of proposals whether funded or not on Moodle. There is a Biomedical Research group coming to visit campus. Dr. Pani requested that the council members might check out Research Connections. Also, there was a general question about whether there is interest in a research corporation for ULM perhaps based on the Georgia Tech model (a chartered non-profit). It was noted that there may already be such a thing, but its status is unclear.</p>			
DISCUSSION TOPICS			
<p>After some discussion of a draft of suggested Research Mission and Values, it was agreed to amend the proposed document with Dr. Findley's updates and vote on it at the next meeting (The motion carried unopposed).</p> <p>It was also decided (Dr. Gary Findley moved and Dr. Ann Finley seconded that discussion of developing strategic goals be suspended pending discussion of action implications of those goals. The motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Dr. Baer presented several action steps, and most discussion focused on developing a new administrative structure for research programs including separating from the graduate school, and hiring an experienced leader at the cabinet level, perhaps a Vice President for research. It was definitely felt that both these steps were necessary for the Office of Sponsored Programs to provide the kind of help needed to facilitate the growth of the research function on ULM campus.</p> <p>Additional discussion revisited the indirect cost policy. Dr. Gary Findley noted that a review of funded projects on campus showed that the dollar amount of externally funded research projects, as compared to other types of programs was relatively small (perhaps \$1 million of the total) and that perhaps if there were an application procedure, the indirect costs policy could be applied in those cases.</p>			
CONCLUSIONS			
<p>The research council needs more information about the willingness of University administration to consider alternative structure and leadership options for the research support function of the university.</p>			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Research feasibility of alternative restructuring options for research support function with Dr. Pani.		Dr. Baer	11/16/2015

Approved by committee/council chair Yes on 11/16/2015