

RESEARCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 23, 2010

MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Barron, Dianne--Chair	X		Fulmer, Hal	X	
Anderson, Terry		X*	Andrew, Damon	X	
Davidson, Barry	X		Cochran, Maryjo	X	
Findley, Henry M.		X*	Sheridan, Kaye	X	
Green, Denise	X		Tatum, Lance	X	
Jackson, Margaret	X		Non-Voting Members		
Krach, Kathleen (vtel)	X		Stewart, Henry		X
Robertson, Ben	X		White, Ray		X
Schraeder, Michael A.	X		Jeffrey, Don		X
Spurlock, Amy		X*	Vardaman, Lee	X	
Spurlock, Jeff		X*	Fulmer, Judy	X	
Clark, Eddie	X		Ingram, Earl		X
Fretwell, Cherie		X	Whitlock, Mike		X
Shaffer, Chris		X	Roach, Ed D. , ex officio	X	
Shelton, Sam	X				

*With Notice

GUESTS: Dr. Chan Roark

I. Call to Order

Dr. Barron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Fulmer moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Cochran seconded. The agenda was approved.

III. Business Items

A. Purpose and Responsibility of the Research Council

Dr. Roach addressed the council outlining the purpose and the responsibility of the council members. He expressed his support for the council and welcomed the members.

B. Review of Voting and Non-voting members

Dr. Barron advised the members of the council of the duties of the voting members and identified the non-voting members. She explained that there are fifteen voting members; two members from each College, the Chair of the Faculty Development committee, the Chair of the Institutional Review Board, the Chair of the Graduate Council, the Chair of the Undergraduate Council, and the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Non-voting members are comprised of the Deans of the Colleges, the Dean of the Library, the Vice Chancellors, the Associate Provost for Academic Support, the Director of Sponsored Programs, and the Associate Vice Chancellor of Global Campus Operations.

C. Presentation by Faculty Development Committee Chair

Dr. Hal Fulmer presented the awarded Faculty Development grants in support of research for the past six months. Currently, the Faculty Development committee provides \$96,000.00 in faculty development support each academic year. To date \$84,108.23 has been awarded in the past six months. The remaining \$12,251.77 is still available for summer grant research support. Presentation handout is provided.

D. Presentation by Director of Sponsored Programs

Mrs. Judy Fulmer gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the types of assistance which Sponsored Programs provides faculty members interested in applying for grants and other types of financial support of a research project. Sponsored Programs helps seek grants to assist in financing research initiatives. She gave an overview of the number of grants sought and the number of grants obtained. Research grant approvals are a challenge because Troy is not a research institution and must make the case to evidence the department has the facilities and/or ability to conduct the research. The identification of "research" grants may need to be reviewed internally to assure that if the grant deals with research that it is being labeled as such, rather than "public service" grants. The

Council may wish to discuss the definitions to be used in identifying a “research” grant at the next meeting. The presentation is provided.

E. Presentation by Institutional Review Board Chair

Dr. Eddie Clark gave a short presentation on the number of research proposals that have been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board over the last six months. He noted that in the last six months, the IRB had reviewed 91 human research proposals. Presentation handout is provided.

F. Presentation by Associate Provost on the University’s Assessment of Research Across the University

Dr. Barron presented a PowerPoint presentation summary of the University’s research activity across the past three academic years. She provided a breakdown of the percent of faculty research projects by College and campus. A copy of the presentation is provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. The next meeting of the Research Council is scheduled for October 2010.