

University of Memphis Research Council (UMRC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2020
UC Fountain Room

Members in Attendance: K. Saunders, H. Zhang, T. Sutter, C. Preza, A. Hall, G. Beck, B. Pence, K. Lambert-Pennington, S. Zanskas, A. Fatemi, E. Lindner, J. Dhaliwal, S. Kumar, C. Pierce, M. Gill, D. Dasgupta, C. Chapell, B. Waldron, G. Bowlin, C. Havard, J. Evans, L. Pichon, S. Kedia, S. Shiva, R. Fisher, S. Potter, M. Amini

T. Franklin, H. Yawn, S. Thompson, C. Behles

Members Absent: G. Emmert, K. Oller, S. Ivey, R. Debes, J. Gnusehke, W. Karmaus, J. Murphy, A. Boykins, M. Paquette, J. Allen, C. Bowers, L. Black, C. Langston

Meeting Called to Order 2:09 p.m. Consideration of Minutes – October 3, 2019 Motion to approve minutes by J. Evans and seconded by H. Zhang. Council unanimously approved minutes.

Opening Remarks from Dr. Dhaliwal, Carnegie R1 Update and Board Meeting

Dr. Dhaliwal thanked the Council for their support. His division has had many new programs over the last year and a half, and he is pleased at how they have bought into the Carnegie R1 goal.

Carnegie R1 measurement tool image was circulated. This chart has changed the conversation in Nashville about who is the University of Memphis. We have managed to convince the Governor that we are a different animal than being compared to primarily undergraduate institutions. Finally, Nashville gets who we are.

Quotation sheet handed out from BOT slides stating that we are one of two research institutions in Tennessee.

Slide 3 handed out (in original packet) details where we stand with reaching our Carnegie R1 status. Dr. Dhaliwal communicated he needs faculty to maximize research expenditures. Spend your money, do not keep it. We used to have only twenty-eight post docs. Our new number is ninety-four post docs. We have started counting them differently. Doctoral degrees – we need as many as possible to graduate in May time frame.

We are working with UTHSC as much as possible, the tighter we can tie ourselves with them, the more sense it will make to merge with them. Message takeback to your departments, maximize your research expenditures and maximize doctoral student graduation.

Division News and Upcoming Initiatives

- **Academic Analytics Walk Through (Cody Behles)** Cody highlighted how the University is using this program. The University is currently using it for Research Development, finding funding opportunities and finding collaborators. Cody did a brief walk through. This tool can also do suggested honorifics though the University has not done this yet. It is useful to search by key words in addition to names. This tool is not as robust as faculty members might want. Sold as a research development facing tool. For access email cbehles@memphis.edu.
- **PACE and Training Program Updates (Cody Behles)** This is a comprehensive grantsmanship course. Started with twenty or so postdocs who came in the last three to four months. Junior faculty are also in need of training. Research and Innovation will roll out training for junior faculty in Fall of 2020. SciENCv and ORCID ID will sometimes be taught together. Dr. Dhaliwal commented that the best way we can train post docs is to teach them to apply for funding. Encourage post docs to come to this training. (see slides)
- **GAP Funding Program Update (Cody Behles)** This funding ran last month and funded 8 projects. This funding is to support situations such as a PI needing to do extra work, for example, another study to bolster their proposal for resubmission. (see slides)
- **Arts, Humanities and Social Science Grant Program Update (Cody Behles)** The deadline for this program is March 20th, 2020. There are five different categories within this program including Professional Indexing Grant Fund, Image Reproduction Fund, Pre-Tenure Faculty Subvention Grants, Open Access Book Fees Grant, Field Work and Archival Research Grant. There is not a specific amount for each program, each one has a ballpark budget. An email went out to all faculty yesterday regarding this.
- **Discussion regarding 5% carryforward tax and shifting the research culture.** Dr. Dhaliwal encouraged spending all dollars to grow research expenditures. Funds being set aside for lab maintenance and other “rainy day” funds should be discussed with him directly.
- **Data Analytics Support (Cody Behles)** Research and Innovation is providing more analytics through Cayuse. This information is only as good as the information in Cayuse. If members of the Research Council are interested in receiving data, contact Cody. Please give feedback, Research Innovation want to make this information as reliable as possible.
- **OSP (Stephanie Thompson):** Stephanie referred Council members to Contact List in packet; introduction of Hannah Yawn. Looking to have pre-award training in May for new pre-award coordinators. Please try to have proposals routed 5 days in advance as OSP wants to give thorough review.

- Compliance – Dr. Dhaliwal – a big issue is getting dollars from foreign governments. Please declare if you are getting money from foreign sources. The Department of Research and Innovation does not want to stifle collaboration but please declare money from all foreign sources. IRB and IACUC are all functioning well.
- McAllister and Quinn Update (Cody Behles) Collaborator in the D.C. area. The University of Memphis will partner with them to increase expenditures in funding agencies that faculty have not had success with yet. McAllister and Quinn will be red reviewing Dr. Parrill-Baker's CO6. McAllister and Quinn will help with introductions for faculty. University of Memphis has a one-year contract with them.

Task Forces Updates/Reports

- Research Technology Advisory Committee (Cody Behles on behalf of Hongmei Zhang) Moved out from CIO's office. The first meeting was in late February. Dr. Zhang is growing membership. IMC policies around that facility. Working on more visibility, using that model. Looking at how policies are done at other institutions and bringing them here. No reserve funding was an issue brought up and discussed.
- Research Policies, Intellectual Property (Gary Bowlin): No report. They were previously a three-member committee, but now Dr. Parrill-Baker is no longer available, so they are recruiting members.
- Strategic Research Plan (Brian Waldron) There are many people in this group and the aim is to set up a research plan for University of Memphis. This is not Jasbir's plan but the faculty's plan. Originally this group was focused on getting to R1 status. Page four talks about initiatives for art clusters. Brian's recommendation is that we get rid of them. Group wants to move incentive to support all faculty, whole University faculty focus. We need to come up with an evaluation section. Brian thinks we need to regroup, needs to be University driven, not just R1. There is a link available to this research plan.

Dr. Dhaliwal made the comment that we can have task forces in any new area. Any issue you want to champion, we can set up a task force. Steve Zanskas gave suggestion of Export Control Policy task force.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.