

# *Minutes*

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

## FACULTY SENATE

February 14, 2017

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1. Call to order by President Cooper: 4:03 PM
2. President Cooper introduced UTHSC Vice Chancellor for research Dr. Steve Goodman to discuss the new policy on Research Grant Credit Allocation and also to discuss the Memphis Research Consortium proposal to request state funding for adverse childhood experiences. Goodman talked about allocation of credit that would be given for investigators submitting grant proposals at UTHSC. The UTHSC Strategic Plan indicates a research strategic plan is to be developed. This plan requires interdisciplinary research collaborations, so there is a need to give everyone submitting grant proposals appropriate credit in order to give incentives for collaboration. This means that co-investigators on proposals will receive some credit for submitting the proposal and PI would not receive all the credit. A second motivation is that deans are coming to Goodman because they are not getting credit in their evaluations by the chancellor for grants that are given to their faculty members who are co-investigators in their colleges. Investigators themselves are the best judges as to how much credit should be given to each investigator. If the investigators cannot decide among themselves, then the deans will decide. If deans can't do it then the VC for Research or VC for Faculty Affairs should decide. It was suggested that department chairs would help investigators decide. Credit is different from effort on grants. Conception of the project and writing up the proposal need to be credited. Credit will be higher than the effort on the grant. Credit needs to add up to 100% on each grant proposal. What does it impact? It does not impact direct costs or indirect costs. It impacts data going to the chancellor on grant award amounts for each college. This is mostly a concern for deans. The second impact is on space allocation. This is addressed in the space allocation policy for each college. Investigators will now need to put in % credit information on Cayuse when making grant applications. The policy has been approved unanimously by the Research Council and the other 4 deans who are not on the Research Council also supported it. The Faculty Research Committee also approved it. A question was asked regarding the possibility that grant proposals might be delayed because of decisions regarding credit. Dr. Goodman pointed out that investigators are required to submit grant proposals to the Grants Office one week before the official grant deadline set by the granting agency.
3. Dr. Goodman next discussed the Memphis Research Consortium (MRC). It was set up to stimulate collaborative research within the City of Memphis, essentially concerning the University of Memphis and UTHSC. The MRC has requested this year that the State of Tennessee legislature provide funding for adverse childhood experiences. A major problem in Memphis is that many young people are involved in crimes. Adverse events contributing to this problem are physical and sexual abuse. 92% of Memphians in prison have had 4 or more adverse events. There is also a direct correlation between adverse experiences and diseases that occur later. The proposal was approved by Chancellor Schwab and President Rudd and then sent to Senator Norris. The request for funding totals \$10 million and is approximately equally divided between the two Memphis campuses. Questions? None.
4. Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting were approved by voice vote as distributed by email.
5. President Cooper brought up a resolution on credit allocation for research grants (copy attached) that was approved by the FSEC. There was a comment from a pharmacy faculty member in support of the proposal. Voting was done by Turning Point in the meeting room and Zoom attendees were asked to email votes. There were 29 responses in the room with 90% in favor; 7 percent against; 3 percent abstained. There were 8 faculty members attending on Zoom. The resolution was approved with 29 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstaining. Five faculty members on Zoom did not vote.
6. New business. Questions about your pay. President Cooper announced that Communications and Marketing is conducting a survey regarding your pay.
7. Cooper announced that senate elections needed to be completed by March 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.

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Respectfully submitted, George A. Cook, Secretary, UTHSC Faculty Senate

Resolution on Grant proposal credit is attached.

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**Attachments**

## **Research Credit Policy Resolution**

**Whereas**, contemporary research has become increasingly complex requiring the participation of investigators with diverse areas of expertise, and

**Whereas**, UTHSC wishes to facilitate interdisciplinary, interdepartmental and intercollege research, and **Whereas**, lack of appropriate distribution of credit for the researchers, departments and colleges

participating in interdisciplinary projects is an impediment to the development of such projects, and

**Whereas**, the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and committees working with it have proposed a policy to facilitate fair and equitable apportionment of credit for researchers, departments and colleges participating in such interdisciplinary projects,

**Be it resolved**, that the UTHSC Faculty Senate endorses the Allocation of Credit for Externally Funded Research Grant Awards Policy.