

**University Research Council**  
**October 31, 2019**  
**2:00-3:00 pm, Room 334 Bascom Hall**

**Attending:** *Council Members (voting):* Paul Ahlquist, Tim Donohue, Bill Karpus (*ex officio*), Christopher Kucharik, Miron Livny (on phone), Kevin Niemi, Mario Ortiz-Robles, Carol Ryff, Cecilia Stodd, Mary Trotter. *Council Members (ex officio, non-voting):* Steve Ackerman, Cynthia Czajkowski, Brian Fox, Florence Hsia, Nora Cate Schaeffer, Petra Schroeder.  
*VCRGE Office:* Kathleen Ruby  
*Guest:* Diane Blaskowski, Mark Walters, Meghan Owens

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Steve Ackerman)**

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2019 Meeting (Steve Ackerman)**

- Bill Karpus moved to approved the minutes and Cynthia Czajkowski seconded it. All in favor, 1 abstained- Nora Cate Schaeffer

**3. Title and Total Compensation (TTC) (Mark Walters, Diane Blaskowski, Meghan Owens)**

- The TTC Team from OHR gave a slide presentation.

**4. Research Professor Titles (Steve Ackerman)**

- A handout was given out

**5. Center Updates (Cynthia Czajkowski and Amy Wendt)**

- A self-study was received from Lab of Cell & Molecular in September. The review committee's report is expected in December; and then URC will vote on it at the spring meeting.
- The Institute Molecular Virology self-study is in progress.
- The WI IceCube Particle Astrophysics Center self-study is in progress.
- Biotron was reviewed in 2017. The Director is retiring in 18 months and the building manager recently retired. The building requires substantial repairs/maintenance to keep it going. We are exploring a path to close it as an OVCRGE Center with an 18 month timeline. It is currently set up as a fee for service and not enough people are utilizing it. The Center has been in the red for several years. We reviewed the list of current users, and the faculty users were contacted to examine options. We are also working with HR to identify different positions for the 8 employees.

**6. WARF Budget**

**7. New Initiatives (Steve Ackerman)**

- These will be discussed at the next meeting. The Core Enhancement Initiative will be \$50-250k and goes out Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.