

## University Research Advisory Committee

The University Research Advisory Committee met at 2:00 pm Thursday, November 7, 2019, in the Deans' Conference Room, Derryberry Hall, Room 200, with Dr. Jeff Boles presiding.

Members Present: Dr. Jeff Boles, Dr. Michael Adduci, Dr. Steve Anton, Dr. Debbie Barnard, Dr. Jason Beach, Mr. Craig Harrison, Dr. Adam Holley, Dr. Shelia Hurley, Dr. Brian Leckie, Dr. Satish Mahajan, Dr. Ramchandran Natarajan, Dr. Mark Stephens and Dr. Francis Otuonye, Executive Officer

Members Absent: Dr. Tammy Boles, Ms. Deborah Gernt, Dr. Sheikh Ghafoor, Mr. Greg Holt, Dr. Terry Saltsman and Ms. Kayla Sims

Others Present: Dr. Vahid Motevalli and Ms. Sandra Stier represented Cornerstone representatives who provided a video overview of their company as well as a summary of the current funding environment.

Cornerstone will help identify opportunities best suited to Tennessee Tech. In addition, they are working to build relationships with the Tennessee congressional delegation and will ensure elected officials are aware of Tennessee Tech's efforts to secure research funding and specific proposals that may be of interest. Cornerstone will also work to inform Tennessee Tech when federal agencies are building programs, so that the university can prepare targeted research proposals.

URAC committee members discussed efforts to ensure that Cornerstone is kept informed about Tennessee Tech's research program and analyzed the type of information that would