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MISSION

The Research Foundation is organized and operates for scientific, literary, charitable, and educational purposes exclusively for the benefit of the University of Mississippi.

FUNCTIONS

1. Encourage, promote, and support activities related to the development of new technologies and research.
2. Engage in activities related to the stimulation, protection, and exploitation of intellectual property developed at, by, or in association with the University of Mississippi.
3. Provide means by which discoveries, inventions, processes, and work products of faculty, staff, and students of the University of Mississippi may be patented, developed, applied, and utilized in order that the results of such research may be made available to the public and the funds therefrom shall be made available from such discoveries, inventions, processes, and work products for further research at The University of Mississippi.
4. Serve business and industry of the state of Mississippi, the region, the nation, and the world by assisting with the research and development of new technology through utilization of resources of the Research Foundation through contractual agreements.
5. Promote contractual arrangements with business, industry, and state and federal governments in order to facilitate the transfer of technology to the commercial marketplace.
6. Promote development of new business and industries formed for the purpose of bringing technology developed by the University of Mississippi to the marketplace.
7. Facilitate the development or "incubation" of companies and/or expansion of companies that will improve the economic development of the region, by providing facilities, resources and support necessary for initiation of a new business or industry, including but not limited to developing and managing research, business incubator or innovation parks and facilities.
8. Apply for and seek federal, state, and other grants or external funding to further its purposes.
9. Do such other appropriate and necessary things as are consistent with the research and development purposes and goals of the University of Mississippi.

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ACTIVITIES

1. Held a **special meeting of the membership** of the University of Mississippi Research Foundation on September 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in 123 Lyceum for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors.
2. Held the **annual Board of Directors meeting** of the University of Mississippi Research Foundation on September 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in 110 Lyceum.
3. An **Annual Audit** for year ending June 30, 2015 was conducted and issued in September 2015 by independent accountants BKD, LLP.
4. The 2014 **Form 990** was completed and filed November 2014.
5. Secured **Insurance** for the University of Mississippi Research Foundation, including Directors and Officers, Workers Compensation, Business Owners, and Umbrella insurance coverage from August 7, 2014 until August 7, 2015, annual premiums totaling \$30,967.
6. **Equity positions** held by UMRF on behalf of the University of Mississippi
 - a. Centri Technologies, Inc. (Effective Date: October 9, 2008)
7. **UM / UMRF Affiliation Agreement**
 - a. The following **UM employees** work on behalf of UMRF from time to time as needed:
 - i. Alice Clark, Vice Chancellor for Research
 - ii. Robin Buchannon, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research
 - iii. Walt Chambliss, Director, Technology Management
 - iv. Latasha McJunkins, Project Coordinator, Technology Management
 - v. Allyson Best, Associate Director, Technology Management
 - vi. Amy Lewis, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research
 - vii. Joy Shideler, Director, Accounting
 - viii. Cynthia Evans, Sponsored Programs Accountant
 - ix. Maggie Smith, Senior Accountant
 - x. William Nicholas, Assistant Director, Insight Park
 - xi. Ian Banner, Director of Facilities Planning and University Architect
 - b. In accordance with the **Conflict of Interest policy**, all board members signed and returned for the files a current a Disclosure of Interest and Confidentiality Statement.
 - c. Submitted the **annual reporting letter** dated September 16, 2014 to Commissioner Bounds and Chancellor Jones in accordance with the

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Affiliation Agreement.

- d. Submitted the **annual 'Reportable Event' reporting letter** dated January 5, 2015 to Commissioner Bounds and Chancellor Jones in accordance with the Affiliation Agreement.

8. Updated the **UMRF website** that includes membership, financials, bylaws, articles of incorporation, affiliation agreement, policies, etc.
(<http://www.umresearchfoundation.org/>)

9. **Insight Park**
 - a. Building and highway signage was approved and installed in June.
 - b. Sixteen tenants are located in The Innovation Hub, including four student companies.
 - c. Partnered with the School of Business and the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to establish the University Entrepreneurial Alliance committee. The committee was created to coordinate entrepreneurship activities across the different disciplines, schools, colleges, and campus.
 - d. Sponsored and provided free office space to the winner of the Gillespie Business Plan competition.
 - e. Co-hosted Oxford's second Startup Weekend in February.