

Meeting 128 Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2020; Videoconference
4 pm (ET) / 3 pm (CT)

UT Faculty Council Voting Members (Quorum, 5 voting members)

- UTHSC Richard Smith (Faculty Senate President)
 Martin Donaldson (Campus Representative)
- UTK Shawn Spurgeon (Faculty Senate President)
 David Patterson (Campus Representative)
- UTM Sean Walker (Faculty Senate President)
 Chris Caldwell (Campus Representative)
- UTC Charlene Simmons (Faculty Senate President)
 Beth Crawford (Campus Representative)

Faculty Appointee to Education, Research & Service Committee (Ex-Officio voting)

- UTC Christina Vogel (Board of Trustees ERS Committee faculty appointee)

UT Faculty Council Ex-Officio Non-voting Members

- UT Randy Boyd (President)
 Linda C. Martin (Vice President, Academic Affairs & Student Success)

Faculty Council Guests

- UT Stacey Patterson (VP Research, Outreach & Economic Development)
- John Lacey (Tennessee Solutions Market)
- Karen Etzkorn (Director of Academic Affairs)
- UTHSC Terry Cooper (Advisory Board member)-

Call to Order Beth Crawford, Chair

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Questions of, and update from President Randy

Randy has a background of “Everywhere you Look.” He started the discussion by proudly announcing that he has two new titles, Lifetime Extension agent and an Honorary Doctorate from Carson-Newman University and then proceeded to discuss detailed opening plans for the safe return to the UT campuses. He has spoken with the chancellors about the opening plans for each of the four campuses. Some of the colleges of the Health Science Center have been in session since July while other colleges are just returning. Students at UTC, UTM and UTK are just returning to campus but not without some problems as students gather in large groups in the surrounding community. Most of the courses will be virtual on all campuses. Martin Donaldson mentioned that the College of Dentistry has developed a plan for return to campus for patient care and hands-on laboratory and pre-clinic course.

There was a brief of UT Promise by both Randy and Linda. One of the obstacles, especially at UTK is that some students are having difficulty in verification of income for eligibility for the program. The program is off to an amazing start and President Boyd especially thanks the faculty mentors from all campuses. At a recent alumni event, Randy extended an invitation for alumni to participate in UT Promise with their financial contributions. So far, \$25 million out of a goal of \$100 has been raised.

Regarding COVID 19 and finances, there has been a \$72 million cost to the university and \$36 has been recovered from the federal government through various programs. State revenues are up 2.5% because of increased on-line sales. There has been a \$2.3 million loss in Extension. Martin asked the question as to why the state and university are doing well and Randy answered the University and the State has a long history of conservative spending and has maintained financial reserves over the years.

_____ raised the question of having a faculty member on the BOT and Randy respond that John Compton (BOT Chair) is not in favor a faculty representation at this time. Randy left the meeting.

2. Discussion regarding Tennessee Solutions Market by John Lacey

John started the discussion by sharing the short video about Tennessee Solutions Market. Terry raised concerns regarding intellectual property concerns of faculty and Richard Smith said that the FSEC at UTHSC had developed a list of concerns with many of the concerns regarding intellectual property. John asked Richard to share that list of concerns. The question was raised regarding who pays the fees and John answered that external customers paid all fees. He explained that when private is looking for ideas for problem solving that individuals at UT might be able to help develop solutions and that only the organization that posed the questions would have access to proposed answers. David Patterson said that non-profit organizations often do not have funds to pay for services and that faculty may not have time to work free given other expectations for promotion and tenure. John said that it might be possible to have students work on these projects. Stacy suggested that the program could start on a limited basis. Karen suggested that a type of search engine be established using Digital Measures and

Elements to help identify faculty with the requested expertise. David Shared this website at UTK <https://experts.utk.edu> Beth ended the discussion by stating that Tennessee Solutions Market will be on the agenda at the next UFC meeting. John left the meeting.

3. Update by Stacey Patterson

COVID 19 testing: UT System is developing a system for testing at UTC, UTM and UTK. UTHSC has already developed a system for testing students, staff and faculty. 22,000 self-testing kits have been procured from the State. Stacey and Michelle ? are serving in an interim position as project managers for a new project at ORNL. They are currently looking for a PI for this project and are working with research teams from each campus.

Visiting Scholar Policy: UT system is currently a training video and updated conflict of interest form.

Cherokee Farms: Davis asked about space utilization at Cherokee Farms Research Park. Stacey explained the long-term development plans for the Research Park and stated that a new building is currently being planned. Stacey left the meeting

4. Update by Linda Martin

Jorge: He will not be meeting with UFC as he has been reassigned to be the VP Institutional Effectiveness for the next two years and will be working with all the campuses on the project. Karen Etzkorn will now be working with UFC.

Enrollment: Stable/good at all campuses.

Emeritus Status: BOT is looking at emeritus status on all campuses in an effort to develop a consistent policy throughout the system. Linda requested that UFC members start thinking about the meaning of emeritus status. Terry, Beth and Sean volunteered to work with the Board.

On-line course sharing system: UT System is examining how to best proceed with an on-line course sharing system while recognizing that the "curriculum is owned by the faculty."

Student transfer between campuses: problems exist for students when they attempt to transfer between campuses. System is looking into facilitating the transfer process.

UT Promise: (get numbers of students at UTK from Linda)

Pulse Survey: System is developing a short pulse survey for students regarding their concerns

Summit: System is working on a summit of CAOs and student leaders regarding free speech and other topics. Members of UFC are invited to attend.

Faculty cohorts: The BOT is seeking input from UFC as it examines faculty cohorts.

5. Update by Karen Etzkorn

Karen is working on an on-line consortium of classes using a platform developed by Regis University. This will look at both gen-ed and graduate courses. The project will be test piloted in the spring and go live in the fall.

The student pulse survey will be shared with UFC after vetting by System and the BOT

Richard mentioned that George Cook has been the faculty representative for UT System Human Resources Committee and that he is no longer serving on the Senate. Linda will contact the Committee Chair and will get information about the structure and purpose of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 Eastern/4:25 Central

Nest meeting: September 16