

**Meeting Agenda****March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Videoconference**<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/8659743843>**3:00 pm (CST)/4:00 pm (EST)****UT Faculty Council Voting Members (Quorum, 5 voting members)**

**UTHSC** Tayebeh (Fruz) Pourmotabbed (Faculty Senate President)  
Martin Donaldson (Campus Representative)

**UTK** Lou Gross (Faculty Senate President)  
David Patterson (Campus Representative)

**UTM** Anderson Starling (Faculty Senate President)  
Sean Walker (Campus Representative)

**UTC** Tammy Garland (Faculty Senate President)  
Elizabeth Crawford (Campus Representative)

**UT Southern** Michael Cathey (Faculty Senate President)  
Kenneth Vickers (Campus Representative)

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

**UTHSC** Phyllis Richey (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)  
Karen Etzkorn, (Director of Academic Affairs)

**UT Faculty Council Guests**

**UT** Stacey Patterson (VP Research, Outreach & Economic Development)

**Order of Business**

1. President Boyd
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. See attached
3. System Updates
  - a. Dr. Martin
  - b. Dr. Patterson
  - c. Dr. Etzkorn
4. 9-Month Faculty Leave Discussion update
5. Other new business?

## **Questions for President Boyd**

None submitted

## Notes from March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### **President Boyd**

- In Nashville this week to work on bills related to UT
- Legislative session should end the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April
  - Working on funding for UT Martin TestHub
    - Has gathered support from Lt Governor, Speaker of the House, and other legislators.
- Answered questions related to the American Civics Institute, Divisive Concepts Bill, and Workplace Bullying policy.

### **Linda Martin**

- Had been traveling and asked Dr. Etzkorn to provide Academic Affairs and Student Success updates

### **Karen Etzkorn**

- Working on hiring a vice chancellor position that will focus, in part, on enrollment
- Gave an update on academic programs presented at the June BOT meeting. 4 are modifications and 2 new programs.
- UTHSC and UT Southern nursing programs are joining
- UT System working on sharing admissions information across the system when a student meets qualifications but is denied admissions. This will be “piloted” with nursing
- A leave of absence policy for students is being worked on
- Working on preparing for the June BOT meeting
  - This includes information from the Student Survey sent out this semester
  - Note: BOT will be continuing the discussion on Standardized tests and admission requirements

### **Stacey Patterson**

- Focusing on revising System/Board level policies related to research
- A question, with discussion, focused on external visitors policy
- NSF herd(sp?) rankings for UTK improved significantly after the reunification with UTIA
- Representatives from UT System campuses, LGIs, TBR, and others will be working on automotive innovation across the state of TN.