

Meeting Agenda**August 18th, 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 Jillian McCarthy-Maeder (Faculty Senate President)
Martin Donaldson (Campus Representative)

UTK Elisabeth Schussler (Faculty Senate President)
Beauvais Lyons (Campus Representative)

UTM Clinton Smith (Faculty Senate President)
Sean Walker (Campus Representative)

UTC Jennifer Boyd (Faculty Senate President)
Felicia McGhee (Campus Representative)

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

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

UTK Andy Puckett (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)

UT Faculty Council Guests

UT Karen Etzkorn, (Director of Academic Affairs)
Stacey Patterson (VP Research, Outreach & Economic Development)

Order of Business

1. President Boyd - Not in attendance
2. Approve Minutes - Please see attached
3. System Updates
 - a. Dr. Martin
 - b. Dr. Patterson
 - c. Dr. Etzkorn
4. 9-month leave policy
5. Requests from President Boyd – see below
6. How do we make UFC more effective?
7. BOT Schedule – Please see attached

Requests from President Boyd

- **Online education.** To better serve our traditional students, but also to find new ways to reach non-traditional students, we must improve our online offerings. Do we build, buy or partner to develop the programming we need. What insights can faculty to provide.
- **Community college partnerships.** We have aspired to improve transfers from Community Colleges but have not made much improvement. What strategies can we employ to improve our partnerships? What can faculty do to implement these strategies?
- **Transparency.** On day three in my role as President, we launched “Transparent UT” where we attempted to put anything and everything we could on this website. We continue to update and add to it, but what are we missing. Faculty could share with us additional information we could share to be even more transparent.

UFC Minutes

- President Boyd and UT System Administrators were not in attendance
- UFC members discussed the 9-month faculty leave policy
 - Dr. Walker will be sending materials to the committee before the next meeting for a vote at the next meeting.
 - Concerns about the policy were expressed and discussed
 - Additional questions to be answered:
 - Since many faculty do not work the traditional 9-5 Monday through Friday, how does the leave policy work?
 - Will faculty be able to “cash in” their unused sick leave bank?
 - Modified Duties must not be altered on respective campuses
- UFC members discussed three action items from President Boyd:
 - Online offerings
 - Concerns expressed:
 - How do we provide quality UD classes?
 - What is the purpose of the online offerings, especially in reference to UT Online?
 - We should build rather than buy
 - Who owns Intellectual Property of classes designed?
 - Faculty need resources to help build online offerings
 - We should look at successful models like Penn State World Wide Campus and reflect on not so successful models like Purdue
 - Will faculty be compensated for converting classes to online offerings for this?
 - Partnering with community colleges
 - Makes more sense with some general education offerings
 - We need to look into best practices
 - We need answers as to why more TN Promise students are not transferring to UT schools after 2 years at a community college.
 - Transparency
 - What exactly does transparency mean?
- UFC members will be brainstorming how to make UFC more effective and make sure topics are system-wide, or at least impact multiple campuses