

**Meeting Agenda****January 18, 2023 – 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)  
Bernie Savarese (Acting Vice President, Academic Affairs & Student Success)

**UT Faculty Council Guests**

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

**Order of Business**

1. President Boyd
2. Guest: Krissy DeAlejandro
3. Guest: Dr. Mara Krishnamurthy
4. Approve Minutes - Please see attached
5. System Updates
  - a. Dr. Savarese
  - b. Dr. Etzkorn

**Minutes**  
**Notes to Ex Comm**

**President Boyd**

- Mentioned that he will begin planning on in-person meeting
- Provided information on three main points:
  - Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday (January 20<sup>th</sup>)
    - He will provide a recap of 2022
  - Updates on some positions across UT that have openings
  - Legislative updates

**Carey Whitworth**

- 1-1.5 weeks left in recess for state legislature
  - Anticipates an early May adjournment
- D.C. News
  - 50 million in federal appropriations (plus up?) for areas directly impacting TN and UT
  - New Leadership in the Washington Office
  - D.O.E. Chair is aligned with TN/UT interests
- State of TN
  - We have a significant budget surplus in TN
    - This will generate a lot of 1-time proposals
  - Topics expected to produce bills:
    - Abortion
    - Infrastructure/transportation
    - Criminal justice reform
    - Early childhood literacy
  - Discussed some minor committee composition changes in the state legislature
  - Things UT will be monitoring and working with our legislatures on:
    - Transparency and publicly available information like earning potential and labor market for graduates
    - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
    - Title IX and Gender
    - Race and Admissions to institutions of higher education
    - Guns on campuses
    - Tik Tok
  - We then shifted to some Q&A

**General Questions submitted ahead of time**

- These were answered by President Boyd and Dr. Savarese
- Topics included:
  - E.R.S. agenda for the next BOT meeting
  - UT Promise issues from Fall 2022
  - Sick leave policy for 9-month faculty
  - Software contracting
  - New Code of conduct policy

**General Q&A**

- Concern about the negotiations between BCBS and Le Bonheur was expressed and discussed
- Online agreement with Arizona State University clarification
  - It only applies to UT Knoxville

### **System Updates - Dr. Etzkorn**

- 3 programs being presented to Ex Comm of the BOT this Friday
- Student Experience Survey will be sent out later this semester
- Brief comments on our access to the UT online consortium and how we might take advantage of that

### **Dr. Savarese**

- Discussed a survey from Gallup that will be sent out on Monday (January 23<sup>rd</sup>). It is related to recent divisive concepts discussion in TN. Data will be presented to the State Legislature
- Grow Your Own program is going well. Hoping that we receive permanent funding for this initiative

### **Q&A**

- Grow Your Own question
- Gallup survey question
- ChatGPT discussion