

**Meeting Agenda**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Faculty Handbooks
  - a. Guest: Esther Henry
3. Approve Minutes - Please see attached
4. System Updates
  - a. Dr. Savarese
  - b. Dr. Etzkorn
5. Resolution from UTHSC – Please see attached
6. BOT Information – Please see attached
7. Elections in June

## **UT Systemwide Topics/Questions for President Boyd**

- N/A

## Minutes

### **Esther Henry**

- Office of General Counsel
- Invited guest to discuss revisions to BT 0007
- BT 0007 revisions would make it so that only Tenure and Tenure-track employment decisions went to the BOT.
  - This would allow non-tenure-track faculty decisions to be made at the campus level
- Q&A surrounding how this might impact NTT faculty

### **President Boyd**

- Thank you to faculty!
  - He has attended 5 commencement ceremonies with 4 more to go
  - Very appreciative of what faculty do!
- Summer work plan
  - Campus search update
    - Expects a recommendation for UT Martin Chancellor *on his desk* by July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Enrollment strategies are being looked at
    - This includes in-state versus out-of-state students
  - Campus visits
    - Security tours over the next 4 weeks
      - Met with Governor and his team to discuss security funding for Higher Education
- Q&A
  - Is the growth of out-of-state students solely at UTK or other campuses?
  - Does the growth of out-of-state students for UTK help offset stagnant tuition for in-state?
    - It was noted that a couple of campuses will likely be asking for an increase
  - A comment was noted that the safety survey needs to include a focus on mental health

### **Dr. Etzkorn**

- Program updates
- Vendor and Service Provider
  - Watermark
    - Has several offerings including student rating instruments
    - If a campus uses, it is based on system-wide FTE and not Campus FTE
  - Quality Matters
- System-wide Professional Development Opportunities for Department chairs/heads
  - Included in this will be a survey to chairs/heads to ask what they would like included
  - Q&A – any training on faculty handbooks?
- It was noted that President Boyd and campus leadership are beginning to look at what a common academic calendar across campuses would look like

### **Dr. Savarese**

- Briefly discussed enrollment strategies
- Search for the Associate Vice President of Research begins next week
- Discussed UT System efforts for the BOT meeting in June
- It was mentioned that we are looking at how federal financial aid applies to courses outside of a student's program of study
- Q&A – a question/comment was made about funding for minors/double majors should be considered
- Emphasized that President Boyd, Carey Whitaker, and others are beginning to look at legislative priorities for next year
- Q&A – what is the status of the viewpoint diversity survey results
  - Met with Gallup this week
  - Will release a 1-page summary to each campus
  - A more holistic and expansive report will be on the UT Transparency page

### **Resolution from UTHSC**

- UTHSC passed a resolution to provide additional information/scenarios where a tenure clock can be suspended
  - Included is asking for more consistency in how such suspensions apply
- UFC decided it would be most appropriate to:
  - Send to other campus senates to consider
  - Invite Frank Lancaster to discuss concerns
  - Encourage a conversation with campus administrative leaders