

Notes to Ex Comm

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- 4 new academic programs
- 25 programs in the pipeline
- Discussion around changes in the academic program modification process
 - Main focus: allowing final approval with President Boyd

President Boyd

- Meeting in Chattanooga to discuss, among other things, funding.
- Chancellor at UT Martin and *leader* at Oak Ridge National Laboratories have started their positions
- Discussed need for funding for security upgrades/infrastructure across the UT System
- THEC meeting – 8/17 – comptroller is asking for THEC to no longer be in the approval process for academic programs and capital projects
 - Delays in the process have cost a lot of money. Gave us an example from UTC Nursing School
- Discussion on how UT System will be moving forward as it relates to diversity.
 - Main focus: how can UT do better?
- Chancellors will be meeting to discuss the UT Promise
 - Potential expansions: 1) increasing household income and 2) money provided to students after tuition/mandatory fees are covered
- Q&A
 - Clarification on THEC and their role
 - Asked to provide an update on the UT System and DEI
- UFC will be meeting in-person in September

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- UT System has sent a survey to department chairs
 - Main focus: training and resources
- Student Experience Survey – coming this Fall (October)
- Discussed the UT Promise expansions mentioned by President Boyd
- Discussed faculty handbook enhancements at UTK
- Update on the AVP of Research search
- Provided a Fall BOT update
 - Reports to the ERS
 - Outcomes
 - Degrees awarded
 - Student debt
 - 1st destinations
 - Will not be providing extensive enrollment information due to the BOT meeting being earlier than normal
- Q&A

- Likelihood on UT receiving additional safety/security funding
 - Likelihood of THEC not being involved in academic programs and capital projects
- Comment about potential Hope Scholarship enhancements
 - 1/3 of TN students with a 29 or higher (ACT) go outside of TN for college
 - Q&A – Where are they going?
 - Answer: we have consulted with Huron to figure this out