

UFC Minutes

President Boyd

- Applications for enrollment are up, significantly across the UT System
- Access and Engagement update
 - All chancellors submitted campus respective plans to President Boyd (November 1 due date).
 - Expect to see changes in position/titles to include Access and Engagement
 - Note: Access and Engagement reflects a broader focus by UT to make sure that all prospective and current students have access to the resources needed to be successful
- President Boyd asked if each campus had any specific experiences regarding the Israel/Palestine war and if there was anything he could do to help.
 - President Boyd noted that he, and the campus chancellors, have been asked to make public statements.
 - President Boyd affirms the need for such statements to not occur as he wants to promote an environment where thoughts from all perspectives can be freely expressed.
- President Boyd will be having Ryan Stinnett, Office of the General Counsel, provided a write-up of what faculty are able to do regarding the civil defense fund.

Dr. Galicia

- An update was provided on the committee that is looking at the One UT Calendar
 - Current phase will conclude this calendar year and the next phase will begin in January.
 - During this next phase, a broader group (including faculty), will be included.
- Update on the department head/chair training
 - This will be 2, ½ day, training sessions in Nashville
 - Likely in March or April
- Dr. Galicia is working on analyzing the Student Pulse Survey
 - Response rates exceeded our UT System goals
 - Report should be ready in December with a report to the BOT in February
- 8 programs are up for approval, all from UTK.
 - All campuses have at least one in the pipeline right now

Dr. Savarese

- Just concluded the Annual Academic and Student Affairs Summit in Nashville
- Attended the APLU Conference
 - Topics of interest:
 - AI
 - Student Success – Closing Achievement Gaps
 - SCOTUS Rulings

- Value of Higher Education
 - Creating spaces on university campuses for informative discussion
- Search updates
 - Paused the assistant vice chancellor of research
 - Will resume later this AY
 - Dr. Krishnamurthy will be helping in the interim
 - Delphia Howze has left UT
 - Her position will be posted in the coming few weeks
- Discussion about moving undergraduate campuses to a common application
 - Purpose is to streamline processes for students applying to UT
- A faculty experience survey will be launched soon