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
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 20th)
    - 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 23rd). 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