Meeting Agenda
March 15, 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. John Lacey – UT Grand Challenges Initiative
3. Approve Minutes - Please see attached
4. System Updates
   a. Dr. Savarese
   b. Dr. Etzkorn
UT Systemwide Topics/Questions for President Bovd

- Recent state legislation and impact on free speech, academic freedom, and campus policies
- Performance gap between boys/girls and the use of standardized tests for admissions decisions
Minutes

President Boyd

- President Boyd provided an overview on several bills that are in the legislative process:
  - SB 817
  - SB 603
  - SB 102
  - SB 1445
  - HB 977
  - HB 1005
- Expansion to the Hope Scholarship will allow undergraduate students with monies remaining to begin graduate school and use the Hope Scholarship towards those graduate credits,
- Discussion of the State Building Commission Modernization Act and how this will improve the building process on college campuses,
- Discussion on the role of THEC moving forward,
- UTHSC – working with legislature to increase recurring funding from $1 million proposed to $10.7 million,
- Extensive work on capital projects,
- City of Knoxville is asking for funds for a pedestrian bridge near the UT Knoxville campus,
- Q&A
  - Abortion ban bills,
  - Impact of state legislation on receiving federal funds,
- Will be doing a campus tour in about 2 months to discuss the legislative session

John Lacey

- Provided an overview of the UT Grand Challenge initiative
  - Go to: https://grandchallenges.tennessee.edu for more information
- General Q&A