

Brief Summary

Special UT Board of Trustees Meeting November 20, 2020

This is a brief report of items that UTHSC faculty might find of interest. The meeting was video-conferenced and may be viewed in its entirety at the URL listed:

Webcast: <https://mediasite.utk.edu/UTK/Play/c75033f98c854390a1d50232f6f283e81d>

Agenda & Board Materials: <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/11/Special-Meeting-of-the-Board-November-2020-Meeting-Book.pdf>

Purposes of the Meeting:

Approve permanent revision of the Student Codes of Conduct for all campuses including UTHSC:

Complete text of the revisions may be found in the Board Materials (URL above). Additions to the existing policies appear in red, underlined type; deletions as ~~red-type-strikeouts~~.

The revised rules create a detailed Title IX grievance procedure for investigating and resolving allegations involving sexual harassment, assault, dating and domestic violence and stalking against students.

Included are processes for live hearings with cross examination (through the student advisors) to determine whether a student is responsible for any of the above expressions of sexual harassment, and the process by which student parties can appeal determinations.

The process indicates that statements that are not subject to cross examination may not be considered in deciding whether the accused party is responsible.

“Residents, including interns and fellows, employed in Graduate Medical Education and similar training programs, are not “students” for purposes of this Chapter”

Approve permanent Immunization requirements for matriculation on campus:

The new policy requires that students matriculating on campus must show proof of immunizations including measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and meningococcal disease, influenza and Covid-19, the latter if recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the Tennessee Department of Health.

Exemptions include students engaging exclusively in online learning, medical contraindication or religious objection.

The Board felt that additional information was needed before enforcing the Covid immunization policy. Therefore, before that approved policy is implemented, the Board will meet to discuss and approve/disapprove its implementation.

The UTHSC Faculty Senate serving the UTHSC Faculty,
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