

**Faculty Senate Summary Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 19, 2020**

Board of Trustees meeting materials and webcasts URLs:

<https://trustees.tennessee.edu/materials/2020-winter-meeting/>

This report is not intended to be comprehensive, but to identify items of likely interest to UTHSC faculty. Access to the complete Board of Trustees meeting materials and webcasts of the Committee and Board meetings are available at the URL noted above.

Campus Master Plan:

The Campus Master Plan was presented in detail by Ken Brown and accepted by the Board. This acceptance authorizes the Campus to proceed with procedures needed to purchase parcels of land identified in the plan as they become available. The plan is attached.

Campus meetings with Interim President Boyd:

There will not be a search for a new UT system president. Interim President Boyd will meet with campus constituencies (Students, Faculty, Faculty Senate and Campus Advisory Board members) to share his vision of the future for UT and answer questions. These constituencies will then provide feedback to the Board. In the presence of positive feedback, a special Board Meeting will be called to consider issuing Boyd a 5-year term presidential appointment.

UTHSC tuition budget approved:

UTHSC tuition budget was approved by the full Board.

\$5,900,000 in UTHSC operating funds recommended:

Following years without designated operating funds, 5.9 million dollars is recommended in the State budget as operating funds for UTHSC.

Bills recommending support for 100 GME positions:

Bills are traveling through the legislature that would support 100 GME positions. One of the motivations for these bills is the scarcity of medical professionals in rural areas.

Policies for emeritus status for non-tenure track faculty:

Policies are being investigated making it possible to grant emeritus status to non-tenure track faculty who are entering retirement. This would include analysis of the costs as well as procedures for granting emeritus status and its rescission when necessary.

UT Budget approved in House and Senate Committees:

UT budget has been approved in both House and Senate Committees of the State Legislature. It contains a pool for salary increases.

Comparative salary analysis for non-tenure track faculty:

A comparative analysis of non-tenure track faculty salaries was presented for UTK, UTC and UTM. The comparisons, however, contain many nuances that potentially introduce inaccuracies into them.

Areas of System & Campus focus:

Areas of System focus in the immediate future are the availability of Promise and Collaborative grants, increased mental health facilities and campus safety.

UTK integrates appendices into handbook text:

UTK has moved the last of the Appendices attached to its Faculty Handbook into the text proper of the Faculty Handbook.

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