

Highlights of 2-25-21 Board of Trustees Meetings of Potential Interest to UTHSC Faculty

Thanks: President Boyd praised UTHSC for campus contributions to fighting Covid-19

Good news – UTHSC campus had only 3 new Covid-19 cases

Award of early tenure – Two applications approved

Board approves new Parental Leave Policy for UT faculty

Governor's recommended budget very good for UTHSC:

If enacted by the Legislature, the Governor has recommended:

- \$5 million recurring increase in the UTHSC budget to support campus operation.
- Faculty salary increase – 2% increase retroactive to January 1, 2021 plus an additional 2% increase to initiate July 1, 2021
- Construction funds to finish the top floors of the Nash building

New Growth Area Recognized:

- Pandemic has added great faculty experience with online course presentation – faculty success was recognized and complimented
- Online course presentation identified as a future growth area of the University

Protection and Compliance:

- **Ransomware** - UT System IT is putting high emphasis on developing and implementing security procedures to protect computer users from Ransomware.
- **Federal Export Policies** - Focus on insuring compliance with the Federal Export policies for cell lines, and other biologicals

Update on Martin Methodist College acquisition: UT is in the process of doing its due diligence on integrating Martin Methodist College into the UT System as another University of Tennessee Campus. Data collection is in full swing. Challenges associated with integrating the potential new campus, e.g., faculty tenures, course credit transfers, etc, are being identified and potential solutions developed. Martin Methodist College being integrated into the UT System is planned to be a major issue for the June Board meeting.

New UT Mission Statement approved – The Characteristics of UT -- BE ONE UT

B – Bold and Impactful

E – Embrace Diversity

O – Optimistic and Visionary

N – Nimble and Innovative

E – Excel in all we do

U – United and Connected

T – Transparent and Trusted

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