

# UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. minutes

## University Council Meeting

June 4, 2025  
2:00pm-3:30pm

### Attendees:

Brigitte Grant, Chandra Alston, Wendy Likes, Charlie Snyder, Cindy Russell, Donald Thomason, Jessica Snowden, Paul Wesolowski, Peter Buckley, Raaj Kurapati, Reginald Frye, Jessi Gold, Tracy McClinton, Michael Alston, Keshia Giboney, Ken Tilashalski, Vikki Massey, Mike Ebbs, David Mills, Melisa Moore, James Haynes, Ashley Harkrider, Robert Craft, Margaret Bohm

### Absent:

George Ninan, Debbie Long

Dr. Buckley called the meeting to order 2:00 pm central.

### Financial and DASH Updates (Raaj):

- Met our target for Jan25, will end the year on a balance budget.
- All feedback has been sent to the central DASH leadership team. A plan of correction invoking short term, intermediate, and long-term changes is being rolled out. UT System leadership is committed to getting all issues resolved.

### Updates on Federal- State Executive Orders and legal situations – (Raaj and Jessica):

- Still monitoring: Research - stopping grants, indirect cost rates, new notices coming out slower than usual. Jessica Snowden and research office meeting with colleges and researchers. Contingency Planning Group meets every 2 weeks to assess situations and recommend strategies to more quickly address the rapidly changing environment.
- Planning- money not used during the grant award period will no longer be available.
- New bill- “One Big Beautiful Bill” is being passed down through the Senate, waiting on the outcome.

### Accreditation Updates and Feedback on Health Sciences Senior Leadership Academy (Brigitte Grant):

- Pathology (Accreditation visit)- No findings- well prepared and have strong clinical affiliations
  - Results late summer/early Fall
- College of Dentistry (Accreditation visit- DDS, Hygienist, Post Graduate program)- No Finding- amazing response of the college team and commitment
  - Results early 2026
- External Review - 6/5/24 College of Health Professions
- Health Sciences Senior Leadership Academy-please see link for feedback:  
[HSSLA 06042025](#)

### The new College of Medicine Interdisciplinary building (Brigitte Grant):

- College of Medicine Interdisciplinary building is one of our top priorities
  - Meetings with leadership (The New College of Medicine Building & Philanthropy)
  - Continuing to build new relationships across the state of Tennessee

### Chancellor Updates (Dr. Buckley):

#### — Recruitments and onboarding - Orientation

- COM Executive Dean- Dr. Mike Hocker
  - 7/2/2025 reception- Mooney Library 4pm
- VC for Strategic Communications and Marketing- Dr. Karla Leeper
- 8/15/25-Advisory Board Mtg followed by leadership gathering
  - Recognition – Drs. Hocker and Leeper
- Refresh- Strategic Plan in the Fall2025



#### Korn Ferry “Leadership in a Crisis”

##### 8 Steps leaders can take now

- 1) Be purposeful
- 2) Be empathetic
- 3) Be calm, clear, and confident.
- 4) Be both action oriented and reflective.
- 5) Be inspiring.
- 6) Be resilient.
- 7) Be aware of mindsets.
- 8) Be courageous.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:30pm central.