

Brief Summary

Campus Advisory Board Meeting on May 15,2020

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:

Campus Advisory Board

Webcast: <https://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/uthscms/Play/9430d849156d425eb16a36b3cb6382cb1d>

Chancellor's report:

- Chancellor Schwab outlined currently developing plans for the campus to transition from lock-down to the "new normal". Currently, all fall lectures with a large number of students will be presented online. Some small group activities may be conducted in person with proper distancing. Plans and requirements for phased reopening non-essential research laboratories are available at <https://uthsc.edu/research/documents/reopening-plan.pdf>.

Review and approval of the FY 2021 campus budget:

- Vice-Chancellor Ferrara presented a tentative budget, tentative because of looming State appropriations decreases due to Covid-19 expenses. The Legislature, which recessed at the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic, is scheduled to meet at the end of May or early June to discuss FY20-21 higher education budgets. A special Campus Advisory Board meeting will be scheduled in early June to review and approve an amended UTHSC budget accounting for State mandated budget cuts where necessary.
- Items of interest to the UTHSC that are or likely will be eliminated due to Covid-19. They include: 1.5% proposed salary increase for UTHSC personnel (was 2.5% before the Legislature adjourned), 6 million dollar increase in campus operating funds, funding for Oak Ridge National Laboratory with which UTHSC collaborates, and primary care GME positions.
- Individual colleges from this point forward will manage distribution of Sponsored Project Incentive funds
- Colleges will manage how to implement any budget decreases imposed by the Legislature.

Update on UTHSC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Dean Strome outlined an impressive number of UTHSC activities contributing to combat Co-vid 19. These activities are described at
- <https://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/uthscms/Play/8e4c437ce5464befa78f6fda87831c631d>
- The description appears between 22.30 minutes and 37.58 minutes of the video.