

# Faculty Senate Meeting

December 12, 2017, 4:00 PM

GEB A 204

# Agenda

- Guest Speakers Dr. Lori Gonzalez and Dr. Cindy Russell
  - Review of new proposed campus mission statement
  - Faculty Handbook work
  - Faculty activity reporting system
  - Faculty Resource Fair and Social
- Call to order and approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes of 11/14/17
- Vote on resolution regarding external letters of evaluation
- Votes on changes to the Faculty Handbook
- Other business
- Next meeting – January 16, 2018
- Adjourn

# Resolution of Senate support for a policy requiring external letters of evaluation

- Whereas the reputation of a great university largely derives from the reputation of its faculty, and
- Whereas the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and its Faculty strive to achieve a greater national and international reputation and presence, and
- Whereas achieving this goal requires rigorous evaluation of faculty quality upon appointment and grant of tenure and promotion, and
- Whereas an important attribute of a quality faculty is their impact on the national and international community of scholars in their respective fields and,
- Whereas the quality and objectivity of faculty evaluations are materially increased by the opinions of that external community of scholars, and
- Whereas the citizens and legislature of Tennessee expect greater accountability from its university faculties and
- Whereas a central goal of the University of Tennessee is to provide greater transparency and accountability for faculty quality and activities,
- Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Faculty Senate being proud of the UTHSC Faculty, appreciates and supports current efforts to develop broad, UTHSC-wide policies of external faculty evaluation that positively contribute to these objectives.

# Motion 1

- Approve following changes to Section 1 of the Faculty Handbook:
- (a) Change “College of Allied Health Sciences” to “College of Health Professions” and “Health Sciences Library and Biocommunications Center” to “Health Sciences Library”.
- (b) Remove URLs and replace them with numbers referring the reader to a list of policy titles and corresponding URLs contained in an Appendix to the Handbook.
- (c) Replace the current mission statement with the one to be approved by the UT Board of Trustees in an upcoming meeting.
- (d) Change reference “4.3.1” to “4.4.1” in the text of paragraph 1.3.

# Motion 2

- Approve following changes throughout the Faculty Handbook:
  - (a) Change “vote” where indicating an action throughout the Handbook to “anonymous vote” or “vote anonymously” such that all “votes” associated with faculty appointment, tenure, promotion, EPPR or potential termination are by policy “anonymous votes”.

Other Faculty Senate Business