

UTHSC Faculty Senate  
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GEB A 204

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## Minutes

**Senators Present:** (24) William Callahan, Beth Choby, Ricketta Clark, George Cook, Terry Cooper, Martin Donaldson, Bruce Hamilton, Penny Head, Rod Hori, Vinay Jain, Vickie Jones, Vijay Joshi, Mack Land, Jennifer Langford, Carol Likens, Nawajes Mandal, Linda Moses-Simmons, Dayna Myers, Jay Ragain, Tim Self, Nadeem Shafi, Christina Spivey, Wen Lin Sun, Wes Williamson

**Via Zoom:** (6) Jami Smith Brown, William Dabbs, Ellen Hamby, Kenneth Hohmeier, Eric Nelson, Laura Reed

**AFSA:** Lori Gonzalez, Cindy Russell, MaryAnn Clark

- Guest Speakers:
  - Dr. Lori Gonzalez briefly discussed:
    - Upcoming revision of the campus strategic plan
    - The need for feedback on strategic priority A
    - The review of the campus mission statement; feedback will be requested
    - Formation of QEP committees; please let her know if you would like to serve on one
  - Dr. Ken Brown:
    - 2 video presentations on Plough and Sim Center
    - Dr. Brown encourages visiting both for a tour

- Call to order 4:35
- Minutes of 10/17/17 were approved unanimously
  
- Committee Reports
  - Handbook Committee- The Handbook committee is working on the external letters for tenure policy and deciding on important elements. The committee met with AFSA and collected similar policies from peer institutions. They will evaluate and develop a draft.
  
- BOT Report – Terry Cooper
  - The free speech policy was adopted. It mirrors state law.
  - The uniform administrative procedures policy was also adopted. The policy concerns how contested cases for termination are determined.
  - 3 UTHSC faculty members received expedited tenure.
  - The Knoxville football stadium will undergo a major renovation.
  - The UT-owned farm that is part of the Agriculture Institute will become a meeting center (it will still be a working farm).
  - The UTHSC came out best in outsourcing. Other campuses elected not to outsource. We were already outsourcing all of the trades and will move forward in cooperation with the University of Memphis.
  - Tenure and evaluation of tenure decisions did not generate much feedback. This will be discussed at the December and March BOT meetings. Please give

feedback. Joe DiPietro sent out a survey about tenure issues- please complete the survey.

- New Business
  - TUFS constitution – action item
    - The Tennessee University Faculty Senates recently revised its constitution. The UTHSC Faculty Senate Executive Committee had some reservations about use of the word ‘cohort’ (group with similar characteristics), as this leaves open possibility of a small group making decisions. The FSEC wants the word changed to ‘membership’ to ensure equal representation.
    - The Senate approved the changes to the TUFS constitution with a vote.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer M. Langford  
Faculty Senate Secretary