

Highlights of Board of Trustees Meetings of Potential Interest to UTHSC Faculty

CONGRATULATIONS: Presidential Awards for outstanding contributions:

Robert Williams for Research
Michael Aston for Diversity

THANKS: UTHSC received high praise from President Boyd for contributions the campus has made fighting Covid-19

BOT approved all requests for early tenure

UTHSC budget losses from State Legislature 2nd Session due to Covid-19

- No faculty salary increase
- \$6 million increase in recurring operational funds

GOOD NEWS - UTHSC FY21 funding flat – no decrease as experienced by many universities.

- No increase in student tuition

BOT approved State authorization to utilize up to \$14.5 million in state school bonds for

UTHSC to acquire the Memphis Bioworks Vivarium

BOT approved COVID-19 Guiding Principles

- Continue to make reasonable accommodations for students, faculty and staff who are at-risk or live with individuals who are at-risk as identified by the CDC
- **Require flu and covid vaccination (when available) for all students & staff.** Policy is currently awaiting TN AG and Sec. State review and disposition.
- Changing the academic calendars for each campus
- Providing different in-person, hybrid and remote instruction
- **UTHSC Covid-19 Information & requirements** <https://uthsc.edu/coronavirus/>

Review Post-tenure cost/benefit analysis at November BOT meeting

Boyd addresses racism: The University must lead in eliminating systemic racism in the state and the country. To do that requires communication, commitment and change.

- UT Institute for Public Service's Law Enforcement Innovation Center to develop a training program in conjunction with the Museum of Tolerance to minimize biased-based policing and will start the program with the UT police departments on each campus
- May be future changes in Title IX policies – current status, on hold due to court challenge

John Compton re-elected as chairman of the UT Board of Trustees

New representatives to the Board of Trustees:

Christina Vogel, Faculty representative from UT Chattanooga

Latent Chappell, Student representative from UT Martin

BOT meeting videos, agendas, & materials <https://trustees.tennessee.edu/2020-annual-meeting/>

The Faculty Senate Serving UTHSC Faculty, Terry Cooper, Campus Advisory Board Representative