

**University Faculty Council (UFC)
The University of Tennessee System
Charter**

The University of Tennessee System's University Faculty Council is dedicated to upholding and exercising the principles of academic freedom, shared governance, tenure, and the faculty's primary responsibility for the university's curriculum.

I. Objectives and Functions:

1. The mission of the University Faculty Council is to confer with, advise, and communicate with the President of the University of Tennessee system (and his/her staff, as appropriate) on system-wide matters of interest to the faculties (UTC, UTK, UTHSC, and UTM) and the President.
2. The UFC will advise the President on modifications of current system-wide policies and the development of new system-wide policies of concern to the faculties and the President.
3. The UFC also may work with the President to seek input from faculty members with appropriate expertise to participate in UT System task forces.
4. The UFC strives to provide a mechanism to ensure that faculty concerns are raised during planning stages of UT System policies that have an impact on faculty.
5. The UFC will also provide a mechanism for the faculty appointees to the UT Board of Trustees to become aware of and receive guidance on faculty issues and perspectives on matters that arise for Board consideration.
6. The UFC shall strive to represent the concerns of all faculties on all University of Tennessee System campuses and will gather and exchange information on behalf of the faculties of the University of Tennessee System.

II. Organization:

1. The UFC shall be comprised of the Faculty Senate President from each of the UT System campuses. Additionally, each campus shall elect, by a simple majority, one additional full-time tenured faculty member to a three year staggered term. In addition, the Board of Trustees faculty appointee from a UT Faculty Senate, who is not simultaneously serving as Faculty Senate President on their campus, shall be a voting ex-officio member.
2. The UFC shall elect, by a simple majority, a chair at the last meeting of the academic year for the following academic year, and in no event no later than May 15 of the academic year. The chair shall serve for one year with a one year renewable term.

3. The UFC may elect other officers, as necessary, in accordance with its bylaws.
4. The UFC shall record minutes of meetings, and each institutional delegation to the UFC shall make available to its faculty senate and faculty the minutes of UFC meetings, together with any written report of the delegation or any necessary exhibits or attachments.

III. Operations:

1. The UFC shall adopt its own bylaws. The bylaws shall provide for regular stated meetings of the Assembly, which may be held at various locations.
2. The UFC will meet with the President (and appropriate members of his/her staff, as appropriate). Normally, there will be three UFC meetings each calendar year and additional meetings may be requested by the UFC or the President, if necessary, in accordance with procedures to be established by the UFC.
3. Records of the activities of the UFC shall be kept and transmitted to the appropriate successor officers of the UFC. The President will ask campus Chancellors to credit UFC service as part of each member's annual performance and planning review and also for members' promotion review.
4. The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs will provide the UFC with necessary secretarial assistance and other necessary related services and resources.
5. The members of the UFC shall be reimbursed by their respective Chancellors' Offices for travel expenses incurred in attending meetings of the UFC.

Ratification of the Charter

This Charter has been approved by the President and the campus Faculty Senates. The Charter shall become effective 1 January 2007.