

**Beauvais Lyons, Professor of Art
Nominee for the University Faculty Council**

Faculty input into UT system policies and procedures is critical to the success of our university. Greater faculty representation on the Board of Trustees as well as including Faculty Senate Presidents from each campus on the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee are recent changes for the better. The formation of the University Faculty Council is another advance as it 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.” In pursuing these goals, the Council has the potential to better facilitate communications between the faculty governing bodies on our constituent campuses. If elected to the Council, I intend to work on the following initiatives: 1) continue to empower campuses to have control of operations that directly impact our academic missions, 2) work to ensure future presidential searches uphold the transparency and democratic processes used in 2003-2004, 3) promote merit raises that are on top of cost of living raises, 4) advocate for a system-wide non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, 5) make sure there is growth in tenure-track faculty lines commensurate with projected growth in student enrollment, 6) advocate for the importance of graduate education and research to the economic, social and cultural vitality of the state, and 7) ensure that the work of the University Faculty Council is archived on the web.

BEAUVAIS LYONS is a Professor of Art and has taught printmaking at UTK since 1985. The graduate program in printmaking under his direction is currently ranked #3 nationally by US News and World Report. Lyons received his MFA degree from Arizona State University in 1983 and his BFA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980. His one-person exhibitions have been presented at over 50 museums and galleries in the United States and abroad. His prints are in the collections of the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, DC; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA. He is a former Fulbright Fellow to Poznań, Poland, and has organized four major conferences in his profession, most recently a week-long, two-city conference in Germany and Poland. In 2003-2004 he was the President of the UTK Faculty Senate, where he has also served as the chair of both the Budget and Planning Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee.