

## **Resolution of the UTK Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee**

Whereas the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is faced with the prospect of severe budget reductions for the 2009-10 fiscal year, and

Whereas at least partly as a result of our current inability to replace faculty who have left the university, many students are already having difficulties obtaining the classes they need, and

Whereas a 5% budget cut proposal from the Provost's office currently under consideration would reduce the money available for faculty salaries at UTK by \$4.4 million, about 40% of which would be obtained by not filling tenured faculty lines and about 60% of which would be obtained by layoffs of non-tenure-track faculty, and

Whereas more recent discussions suggest that the actual budget reduction will be larger than 5%, with proportionately larger reductions in faculty workforce, and

Whereas such a reduction in faculty workforce would further reduce the availability of classes for students, and

Whereas tuition increases and the uncapping of tuition are currently under discussion as means of addressing part of this shortfall, and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has in establishing the UTK Faculty Senate stipulated that the Senate may:

... consider, advise, and recommend to the chief academic officer, or, if appropriate, through the chief academic officer to the President, policies and procedures in other matters which concern the general welfare of the faculty of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, such as ... priorities for the University budget

and further that it may:

...consider, advise, and recommend on proposed policies regarding student life, rights, and responsibilities.

And whereas budgetary proposals affecting availability of classes are matters regarding student life and rights,

Therefore, the UTK Faculty Senate recommends to the Provost and Chancellor of UTK and to the President of the UT system that:

1. The first priority for the use of any increased revenue from the uncapping of tuition or tuition increases in Fiscal Year 2009-10 be to retain current faculty or to fill faculty vacancies, and that
2. Savings achieved by efficiencies or cuts in administrative functions be applied not to other administrative functions but to retain current faculty or to fill faculty vacancies.

## **Report on Activities of the University Faculty Council**

**January 12, 2009**

The University Faculty Council held a video-conference on Monday, January 5, 2009 with the Efficiency and Effectiveness for the Future Committee Chaired by Doug Horne of the UT Board of Trustees. A set of questions and topics was compiled, much of which was discussed during the conference. It is posted at: [http://web.utk.edu/~utfc/EEC\\_Meeting\\_Topics\\_1-5-09.pdf](http://web.utk.edu/~utfc/EEC_Meeting_Topics_1-5-09.pdf)

As our campus representative Beauvais Lyons serves as UTFC Task Force Coordinator, monitoring system-level committees and task forces to make sure there is appropriate faculty representation. He also has developed and maintains the Council's web site at: <http://web.utk.edu/~utfc/>

The Council did not meet during the Fall 2008 term. The Council called a meeting for January 7-8 which neither John Nolt nor Beauvais Lyons could attend. Toby Boulet was able to attend in their absence. On January 8, the Council met for an hour with John Petersen (President of UT), Bonnie Yegedis (Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success) and Anthony Haynes (Associate Vice President and Director of State Relations). The primary topic of discussion was the difficult budget situation faced by the university. The specific focus was a document titled "Academic Program Discontinuance Framework," which is in development by the office of Vice President Yegedis. She has shared this document with the campuses and is receiving comments and suggestions from them as the document continues to be developed. Each campus will develop its own extension to this document so that if academic programs are to be closed, the procedure for doing so will be transparent. The Council presented three recommendations regarding this document, each of which was discussed at length. (These will eventually appear at the Council's web site <http://web.utk.edu/~utfc/>). Conversation was candid and generally positive.

## 2009-2010 Faculty Senate Calendar

<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Senate</b>
August 31, 2009	September 14, 2009
October 5, 2009	October 19, 2009
November 2, 2009	November 16, 2009
January 11, 2009	February 1, 2010
February 15, 2010	March 1, 2010
March 15, 2010	March 29, 2010
April 19, 2009	May 3, 2010

# August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Classes Begin

Executive Committee

# September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Senate	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

# October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 Executive Committee	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Fall Break	16	17
18	19 Senate	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Executive Committee	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Senate	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Executive Committee	12	13 Classes Begin	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Holiday	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



# February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Senate	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Executive Committee	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

# March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 Senate	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Spring Break	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Executive Committee	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Senate	30	31	1	2	3

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Spring Recess	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Executive Committee	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Classes End	1

# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Senate	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Commencement	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5