

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

University Planning and Resources Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, February 6, 2015 – 1:30pm
UC Foundation Room, University Center

MEETING NOTES

Dr. Brown welcomed the group and asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 30, 2015. Dean Rutledge moved approval, with Dean Liedtka seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. FOIT

Dr. Brown then called for additional questions regarding the FOIT reallocations proposal previously shared. Dean Elwell asked what reductions would mean for day-to-day operations. Dr. Brown responded it would be challenging, especially following 10 years of historical reductions and growth by the campus. Going forward, there will be internal reallocations and asks for reinstatements to ensure quality service. Dr. Walker asked about the governor requiring 3% back for the next three years and how that would affect the FOIT recommendations. Dr. Brown responded that we will have to wait and see what the State of the State Address from the governor next week brings; we may have to make some tough choices and decide what areas are high priorities for us, reinvesting where we can get the highest return on our investment. Dr. Ainsworth asked if we have the dollars upfront necessary to outsource the Library and UC janitorial support; Dr. Brown indicated we do. After discussion, Dean Elwell moved to accept the FOIT proposal; Dr. Delaney seconded, and the proposal was accepted unanimously.

2. Technology Committee

Mr. Tom Hoover showed a PowerPoint presentation on IT and how it touches all of campus. (See handout.) He shared that this is the final year for the bond repayment used for the upgrade of the fiber network. He is also trying to get all personnel off tech fees so that those fees can be used for what they were originally intended for. Dean Elwell asked if the fee would be increased. Dr. Brown responded that would be a possibility. A variety of issues were raised and discussed regarding central versus distributed IT support.

Dean Liedtka shared information from the committee. The committee reviewed goals previously developed and brainstormed new goals, focusing on governance goals. She shared the campus has a large distributed population at this point. PDQs and organizational charts are being updated. What role does distributed play at UTC? Mr. Hoover noted that the flow for how equipment is ordered needs to be looked at so the IT is aware of what is being ordered and can support it. Immediate establishment of three groups for governance were recommended and approved: 1) Information Technology Steering Committee; 2) Technology Review Board; and 3) Partner IT. UPRAC agreed to establishment of these committees in the next 30 days (mid-March 2105). Dr. Brown asked that a thorough analysis of 1) infrastructure, 2) recommendation regarding VOiP,

3) academic support/instruction, 4) labs and the support piece, and 5) a refresh program for faculty/staff. Questions regarding committee composition and representation were asked. Executive Team will review the composition and recommend personnel to serve. Dr. Brown commended the committee for their good work.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Dr. Ainsworth provided a handout consisting of consensus recommendations for Academic Affairs by the Deans' Council. Academic Affairs will be discussed at our next meeting on February 13th.
- b. There will be a town hall meeting on March 3 at 3:30 p.m. in the UC Auditorium. Dr. Ainsworth encouraged attendance. Dr. O'Leary asked when an opportunity would be available to address proposals outside of this committee's meetings. Dr. Ainsworth indicated the town hall meeting on March 3 would be appropriate. Additional time after the town hall meeting may be needed before this committee makes its final recommendations to the Chancellor.
- c. Dr. Brown mentioned that the retirement incentive plan is currently with Legal for final revisions.