

# Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success

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# Academic Affairs and Student Success Responsibilities

- o Resource for Institutional Research
- o Host for UT Online Programs, Kingsport Center for Higher Education
- o UT Press
- o Academic policy issues
- o Strategic plans and mission statements
- o Liaison and compliance office for UT, BOT, state, regional and federal agencies
- o [www.tennessee.edu/system/academicaffairs/index.html](http://www.tennessee.edu/system/academicaffairs/index.html)

# What we do

## UT Board of Trustees

- o Staff support and liaison for UT Board of Trustees
- o Academic Affairs Committee
- o Facilitate Board review and approval:
  - o Faculty handbook revisions
    - o Appointment, tenure, promotion, termination
    - o Academic freedom and faculty rights
  - o New programs
  - o Tenure and expedited tenure
  - o Academic program inventory

# What we do

## Tennessee Higher Education Commission

- o Campus Liaison with THEC
- o Program Development
  - o New degree programs
  - o Program changes and discontinuation
  - o Low producing programs
- o Legislative agenda
- o Grants and state-wide programs



# What we do

## Other agencies

- o Tennessee Student Assistance Commission
- o Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (Commission on Colleges)
- o Southern Regional Education Board (Academic Common Market)
- o Department of Education
- o College Board (ACT)

# What we do

## UT Office of the President

- Advisement on policy
- Research – Institutional and other
- White papers on state-wide issues
- Legislative relationships and responses

# Academic Affairs and Student Success Faculty and Students

- o Host of UT Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure policy
- o Resource and facilitator
  - o Faculty appointments and handbooks
  - o Academic policy or issues
  - o Student policies
- o Staff support and facilitate system-wide groups
  - o University Faculty Council
  - o University Student Council
- o Review Faculty Appeals



# Recent Activity

## University- wide

- o Focus on Institutional Research
- o UT Library Cost-sharing/saving initiative
- o UT Press study and recommendations
- o Faculty Handbook retreat
- o Liaison and facilitator for University Faculty Council
- o New program proposals
- o Program Integrity in Higher Education Act
  - o Authorization for Distance Education
  - o Student Complaint System

# Recent Activity

## State of Tennessee

- o Complete College Tennessee Act and Transfer Paths
- o Lottery Scholarship Stabilization
- o Complete College Related Grants

# On the Horizon

- o Electronic Handbook Revision Process
- o Potential Board Policy Reviews
- o System CIO Search
- o Complete College Academies
- o “Near completers” pilot project
- o Mentoring programs



# UT-Knoxville

- o Get to know more faculty and programs
- o Facilitate collaborations among campuses
- o Provide resources and information
- o Support the ongoing handbook items
- o Assure adequate service from system
- o Work on academic proposals as needed

# Thank you!



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