

UFC Statement – Candace White

In 2006, I helped Deseriee Kennedy write the University Faculty Council charter to address the need for a formal channel for faculty to work directly with the UT system leadership and the Board of Trustees in shared governance issues that are system-wide. In 2007, I served a one-year term on the UFC. (The inaugural terms were staggered among campuses; UTK took the shortest term.) It would be my pleasure to serve a full term on the University Faculty Council to help continue the good work it has done in recent years. I support faculty **representation** -as opposed to faculty ‘tokenism’- in institutional planning and decision making.

I believe one of the most important roles of the UFC is to support the voting and non-voting faculty members on the Board of Trustees. The UFC provides a conduit for our faculty BOT representatives to reach all of the faculty senates in the system. It is important for the Board members and system administrators to see that the faculty senates on all campuses work together on system-wide issues, and that we have the mechanism in place to raise faculty concerns in the early stages of policy development. It is also helpful for the campuses to have a way to share concerns among one another to work for the common good. We have unique campus identities, but together we have a mighty voice.