

Phillip Daves, Associate Professor, Finance Department

Candidate Statement, University of Tennessee Faculty Council

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Please forgive me for not attending the Faculty Senate meeting on April 3, 2017. I have a teaching obligation at the same time as this meeting.

I would like to accept my nomination to stand for election to the position of UTK representative on the University Faculty Council. This position has important responsibilities and I believe that I have a portfolio of skills and experiences that would bring value to it.

I am an Associate Professor of Finance and have been on the faculty at the University of Tennessee since 1988. I received my Ph.D. in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989.

I served on the Faculty Senate from 2010 to 2013, and served as Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee from 2011 to 2013. During that time, the Faculty Affairs Committee drafted new policies on academic freedom, lecturer promotion guidelines, faculty of practice classification and promotion guidelines, romantic relationships between faculty and students, and made numerous smaller modifications to the Faculty Handbook and the Manual for Faculty Evaluation. I worked closely with U.T. System's Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success as well as UTK's Office of the Provost to accomplish these tasks. After stepping down from the Faculty Senate, I served as Director of the Halsam College of Business's Global Leadership Scholars program from 2013 to 2016 where I mentored some of our best undergraduates and developed and delivered both academic finance and leadership curriculum elements.

This is a time of turmoil in higher education. The State of Tennessee continues to provide us conflicting signals—on the one hand, urging us to Top 25 status but at the same time defunding some of the very programs required to attain this goal. The Legislature has, on good days, expressed ambivalence to our cherished institutions of tenure, academic freedom, and freedom of speech, and on bad days, outright hostility. The financial model of the Public University is itself under stress as students wrestle with unsustainable levels of debt. All of these issues require engagement of the faculty through shared governance and I am committed to both the principle and implementation of it. I will work diligently to represent our faculty's interests to System Administration and to the U.T. Board of Trustees. I respectfully request your consideration.

Sincerely, Phillip Daves

Biosketch:

Education:

A.B. Economics, Davidson College, 1981

M.S. Mathematics, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, 1984

Ph.D. Finance, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, 1989

University of Tennessee:

Assistant Professor, 1988-1994

Associate Professor, 1994—current

College and University Leadership Experience:

Director, Finance Department Ph.D. Program 2003-2009

Faculty Senate Senator 2010-2013

Faculty Senate Chair of Faculty Affairs Committee 2011-2013

Director, Haslam College of Business Global Leadership Scholars Program, 2013-2016.