

Proposal to Allocate \$350 from the Shared Governance Fund for a TUFS Website Domain

<https://senate.utk.edu/shared-governance-fund/>

The UTK Faculty Senate has been actively engaged since the formation of Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) since its founding in 2008. Past Presidents have included John Nolt and Toby Boulet, and Bonnie Ownley is currently the TUFS President-Elect.

To assist the mission of TUFS, we propose to use \$350 from the Shared Governance Fund to purchase a website domain name for TUFS, proposed as TNfacultysenates.org. TUFS currently has a [website through the University of Memphis](#) server which has become inactive, and the organization seeks a new web presence with a URL that is not associated with any specific university. Through support from UTK-OIT, we will be able to establish a WordPress site through their Public LAMP program. Rob Spirko has offered to assist in migrating the information from the old TUFS site and populating missing reports and minutes. We plan to have the site in place for the April TUFS meeting in Knoxville.

The Shared Governance Fund is appropriate to use for this purpose, as it is designated for:

- Travel related to conferences
- Senate communications (i.e., newsletters, website development)
- Travel related expenses (i.e. meals, entertaining, car rental)
- Any other proposed activities that further the purpose and mission of the UTK Faculty Senate

Given our leadership role in higher education in the state, this is an appropriate use for \$350 from the fund, which currently has over \$6,000.