

MESSAGE FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

Beauvais Lyons, Chancellor's Professor

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Dear Colleagues:

Today we learned that Chancellor Davenport was terminated from her position, and following a paid leave, will return to her role as a faculty member starting July 1. In just over a year Chancellor Davenport has made deep connections with our campus community, has advocated for the needs of our students, has worked to build on the Vol Vision 2020 Plan, and has stood with our facilities workers. She has heard from us and stood with the university. The decision by President DiPietro, and the tone of his [termination letter](#) has been upsetting for many faculty, students, and staff at the rally held this evening by the Student Government Association. I know from my conversations with members of the UT Knoxville Alumni Board two weekends ago, that they will also be concerned about this decision, as Chancellor Davenport is held in very high regard by our alumni.

The Faculty Senate will hold its final meeting of the academic year on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Before then, I will work with the Senate Executive Council to discuss what our options are as we seek to respond to these developments.

Beauvais Lyons

Chancellor's Professor and Faculty Senate President