

**University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Update**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 5, 2018**

- A task force that includes faculty and staff from all the units who will be housed in the new Energy, and Environmental Science Research and Education Building. The task force will provide input and feedback to the firm that has been awarded the contract for the design of the building, Barber McMurry Architects. The first meeting of the task force is today, and they are expected to meet regularly over the 5-year timeline for this capital outlay project.
- Five-year reviews are complete or in progress for the Herbert College of Agriculture, the Agricultural and Resource Economics department, and the Landscape Architecture program.
- A stately white oak on the campus of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture has been included as an historic tree on the Tennessee Landmark, Historic, and Heritage Tree Registry, a list maintained by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council. Located on the corner of Joe Johnson Drive and Chapman Drive and on top of the “Indian Mound,” the white oak (*Quercus alba* L.) that measures nearly 46 inches in circumference has been a landmark on campus for more than a century. The tree is named after Harcourt Morgan, a professor of zoology and entomology who served as director of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station beginning in 1905. Morgan, for whom the UTIA headquarters building Morgan Hall is named, eventually rose to the rank of UT president from 1919 until 1934.