

Beauvais Lyons, Chancellor's Professor
Candidate for the 2020-2022 UTK Campus Advisory Board

STATEMENT:

I am committed to our role as a public university with a mission that serves the people of our local community, our region, Tennessee, our nation, and beyond. This mission is reflected in our (1) research/scholarship/creative activity, teaching, and service as a land-grant university; (2) as a Carnegie Research Extensive and Community Engagement and Outreach University that works through and across our disciplinary communities discovering new knowledge; and (3) in our colleges that encompass a wide variety of accredited degree programs that prepare the next generation for not only for careers, but to be citizens who model Volunteer Values. I am proud of the ways UT is taking bold steps to make higher education accessible to more students, responding to the trend the past four decades towards privatization through increased tuition and student loan debt. Advising Chancellor Plowman on how we set our budgetary priorities, and what we seek to measure as we look to change our budgetary model will be central to the duties of our Campus Advisory Board in the next term. Most of the members of advisory board are drawn from the business sector, and while their perspectives can be useful, our commitments as a university have to be calibrated not only around the number of students we graduate, or externally funded grants and contracts, but the quality, breadth, and reputation of our academic programs as a whole. A good example might be drawn from our athletics programs, most of which involve non-revenue sports. We maintain this breadth of sport programs not only to fulfill our commitment to Title IX compliance, but because of our allegiance to achieving overall excellence. The next faculty member on the UTK Campus Advisory Board needs to be able to convey this story, one that advocates for academic excellence while also speaking to our shared vision for a university that is greater than the sum of its parts.

BIOGRAPHY:

Beauvais Lyons is a Chancellor's Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he has taught printmaking in the School of Art since 1985. Under his leadership the UT Printmaking MFA program is currently ranked #2 nationally. Lyons received his MFA degree from Arizona State University in 1983 and his BFA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980. He has presented one-person exhibitions at over 80 galleries and museums across the United States and his prints are in numerous public collections including the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA. He received the SECAC Teaching Excellence Award in 2017, the Santo Artist Award in 2014, and was a Fulbright Lecturer in Poland in the fall of 2002. Lyons has twice served as UTK-UTIA Faculty Senate President (2003-2004, 2017-2018) and has chaired several Faculty Senate Committees, including Budget and Planning, Faculty Affairs, and UT System Relations. He also served on and chaired the UT System Faculty Council (2009-2012), and for ten days was a non-voting Faculty Trustee to the UT Board of Trustees before the UT Focus Act was recently implemented. He participated in the SEC Academic Leadership Program (2016-2017) and in 2011 worked with the Office of the Provost to initiate the MicNite (PechaKucha) Program which he ran for four years as part of the Vol Vision strategic plan. He is a member of AAUP and the UCW. His wife Diane Fox is a Distinguished Lecturer in the College of Architecture and Design and their son is a UTK graduate.

**David A. Patterson, Cooper-Herron Endowed Professor
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I am honored to be nominated to serve on the UT-Knoxville Campus Advisory Board. The opportunity to represent the faculty on this advisory board would be a continuation of my longstanding efforts to articulate and promote the voice of the faculty in the shared governance of this university. I have served as the Faculty Senate President, represented the campus as a member of the UT System-wide University Faculty Council, been a member of several Faculty Senate Committees including Faculty Affairs and the Appeals Committee, served as the chair of the UT-Office of Research and Engagement sponsored Academic Outreach and Engagement Council, and am presently the chair of the UT Graduate Council.

In the College of Social Work, I am the Cooper-Herron Endowed Professor of Mental Health Research and Practice and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center-Knoxville. I am the founding Director of the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) in clinical practice and leadership program, having served in the position since 2010. For the past 16 years I have served as the PI/Director of the HUD and locally funded Knoxville Homeless Management Information System (KnoxHMIS), a community outreach research endeavor of the College of Social Work. The primary teaching focus of my 29-year academic career has been on clinical social work practice. A major concentration of my scholarship has been on homelessness and the application of information technology in service delivery to homeless individuals and families. Finally, I am a UMASS Center for Mindfulness Qualified Teacher with a daily meditation practice of more than a quarter century. These experiences have culminated in an ability to bring focus, attention, and kindness to challenging issues and interpersonal interactions. While I could not presume to fill the shoes of Dr. Lou Gross, the outgoing faculty member on the UT-Knoxville Campus Advisory Board, if elected, I will do my utmost to represent the entire UT-Knoxville faculty with fidelity to your wishes and abiding respect for your great work at this university in service of its land-grant mission.