

**Beauvais Lyons, Chancellor's Professor, UTK School of Art
Candidate to complete the term of David Patterson on the UT Faculty Council**

I appreciate the work of David Patterson in representing UTK and UTIA on the UT Faculty Council, and congratulate him on his retirement. When a faculty representative cannot complete their term, the Faculty Senate Bylaws make provision for the Faculty Senate Executive Council to select someone to do so. This statement is my offer to complete his term of office.

I was our campus representative on the UT Faculty Council from 2007-2010, serving as chair for the last year of my three-year term. When I was Faculty Senate President in 2017-18, I also served on the Council. I have also worked with system-level administrators when I chaired the UT System Relations Committee of our Faculty Senate. The UT Faculty Council was created to ensure that the UT President and especially the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Student Success had a group of elected faculty members to advise them in addressing system-level issues. In the past some of these have included procedures for searches for UT System administrators, responding to issues impacting academic freedom, policies related to the granting of tenure and faculty evaluations, legislative relations, as well as other matters that impact our role as a public university striving to serve the people of Tennessee. Each campus plays a different role in this mission.

I appreciate the challenges of working across the different academic cultures that comprise our university system. During my year of service, I will continue to advocate for a voting faculty trustee on the UT Board of Trustees, and to defend principles of academic freedom – to teach and conduct our research, scholarship and creative activities in ways that honestly address the human, cultural and environmental challenges facing the state. I also encourage the UT system to invest in opportunities for faculty, staff and students to create inter-campus exchanges and collaborations.

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 #3 nationally among public universities. 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 Chancellor's Teaching Award in 2020, 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 is completing his term this year as the faculty representative to the UTK Advisory Board; 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 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 Emerita from the College of Architecture and Design and their son is a UTK and Tulane University graduate.