UTK Advisory Board Candidate Statement

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I ask that I be considered for selection as the Faculty Representative to the UTK Advisory Board. I have been a member of the College of Law faculty since 2000. My relatively long tenure as a faculty member and campus leadership positions as Faculty Senate President (and before that, Chair of the Faculty Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee), Mic/Nite Faculty Coordinator, and Co-Chair of the Chancellor's Commission for Women (as well as other campus and university service over the years) provide a strong foundation for work as the Faculty Representative to UTK Advisory Board. In addition, my professional knowledge of and experience with institutional governance structures (including expertise in the legal aspects of managerial authority and related fiduciary and other duties), finance, management, and leadership may be valuable in campus strategic planning and budgeting.

My full curriculum vitae (which is in the process of being updated) and campus biography can be found here.

I am interested in serving as the Faculty Representative to the UTK Advisory Board as a logical extension of my ongoing campus service. My recent work as Co-Chair of the Chancellor's Commission for Women has allowed me to engage in that kind of service through a unique campus leadership position. My term as Co-Chair expires at the end of the academic year. I am looking for a new challenge—a new way to serve the campus.

As a general rule, I associate myself with institutions of which I can be proud and to which I can contribute meaningfully. I then work hard to participate in generating and sustaining the values and culture of those institutions, aiming to leave each better than I found it. This is the approach I have taken to my 22 years at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In my time at UTK, I have fully committed myself to the educational, scholarly, and service components of our campus's land grant mission. Service as the Faculty Representative to the UTK Advisory Board would enable me to further that mission in new ways, including by leveraging personal and professional strengths, expertise, and experience to provide guidance and support to campus leadership in implementing our newly adopted strategic vision. Lending my guidance and support to take the campus into the future would help to ensure that I continue to lead the life of usefulness and purpose that I have fashioned here at UTK.