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Executive Council Meeting
Monday, November 04, 2024
3:05 pm – 5:00 pm
440 Haslam Business Building, West Wing Conference Room

AGENDA

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

    a. Faculty Senate Executive Council Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2024

III. **Announcements and Reports**
    a. President's Update (D. Alderman)
        i. Update from Student Life (B. Hughes)
        ii. Proposed 9-month Sick Leave Survey, Results
        iii. NTT Term Survey, Preliminary Results
        iv. Senate Leaders Proposal: Emergency Need Fund (ENF) for Faculty/Staff

IV. **Information Items**
    a. Call for Heart and Soul Award Nominations
    b. Help distribute and promote Faculty Excellence in Action Infographic
    c. Proposal to Include 9-Month Faculty in UT System Sick Leave Policy (copy of proposed policy & summary of considerations) (UFC)
    d. Senate Leadership Elections Statement
    e. Robert's Rules Primer (H. Sedges)
    f. Upcoming TLI Generative AI Events and Resources for Faculty
        i. See full details at end of agenda for upcoming events and descriptions: November 12 + November 15

V. **New Business**
    a. Provost Updates (J. Zomchick)
    b. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Updates (V. Keppens)
    c. UTK Transportation Demand Management (C. Noble)
    d. Opportunities/Challenges Facing Graduate Education (D. Thompson)
    e. Continuing Enrollment Requirement and Summer Faculty Mentoring (continuation from Oct. 14) (D. Thompson & S. Laursen)

VI. Adjournment of Formal Meeting

VII. Workshop Mode – Committee Progress Reports (if time allows)
    a. Senate Committees and Councils Summary Reports and Minutes Summaries
    b. Committee Folder for uploading documents + reports

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<u>Upcoming Senate Meetings:</u>

Executive Council: ~~09/09/24~~, ~~10/14~~, 11/04, 01/27/2025, 02/24, 03/24, 04/28
Faculty Senate: ~~09/16/2024 10/21~~, 11/18, 01/13/2025 (if needed), 02/03, 03/03, 04/07, 05/05 + Reception

<u>Generative AI Events and Resources for Faculty:</u>

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to shape the landscape of higher education, Teaching & Learning Innovation (TLI) at the University of Tennessee is excited to offer a range of programming designed to support faculty in navigating this transformative technology.

TLI's AI events and materials have been created to empower faculty to integrate AI thoughtfully into their teaching, research, and other academic activities. Our programming includes workshops, resources, and collaborative opportunities aimed at helping faculty understand the implications of AI, explore its potential benefits, and address challenges such as ethics, academic integrity, and student perceptions.

Current AI Programming Highlights:
In addition to scheduled events (below), TLI can present for your department or unit! We offer custom workshops on integrating generative AI software into teaching and learning processes, based on a multiliteracies framework for learning with and about AI, and sample assignments from faculty across the university. Contact us directly at tli@utk.edu for more information!

Making AI Work for You in the Classroom & Beyond Series:
Empower Your Classroom: Unleashing the Potential of UT Verse AI
Tuesday, November 12
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (EST)
Zoom
This learning community series brings together faculty from across the UT system to share their experiences with AI in their academic work. Our featured speaker for this session, Mark Greig, is Principal Architect for UT's generative AI chat application, UT Verse. He will share strategies, practices, and information about AI, and invite participants to reflect on how they might use what they learned to positively impact teaching and learning in their context.
Register Here

Teaching and Thinking with A.I. with Dr. José Bowen
Friday, November 15
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Eastern)
Zoom
Learn how AI improves your workflow and teaching while giving you more time for the rest of your life with one of the authors of Teaching with AI: A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human Learning. This practical session will help you discover what AI can do for you (grant applications, recommendation letters, etc…) and how students already use it.
Register Here

Lifelong Learning Book Club – Session 3
Tuesday, November 19
12 pm - 2 pm (Eastern)
Zoom

We are reading Teaching with AI: A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human Learning by José Antonio Bowen and C. Edward Watson. This book offers a practical guide for educators to effectively integrate AI into classrooms, exploring its impact on creativity, assessment, and academic integrity. Join us as we discuss how AI is reshaping education and empowering future learning.

Register Here

Quick Links
- Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom - TLI
- Teaching with Generative Artificial Intelligence at UTK
- Artificial Intelligence - OIT
- AI Tools & Writing Assignments -Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center
- Research Guides: Using Generative AI - UTK Libraries

We encourage you to share this information with your faculty and academic teams to ensure they are aware of these opportunities. TLI is committed to equipping our faculty with the tools they need to adapt and thrive in an AI-driven world. We are available for individual or departmental consultations. We are also open to your suggestions for spring programming related to AI. For more information about our AI programming and upcoming events, please visit our events website or contact us at tli@utk.edu.