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AGENDA

Monday, April 07, 2025
3:05 pm – 5:00 pm
Student Union, Room 270

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes, [March 03, 2025](#)
- b. Approval of Undergraduate Council [Meeting Minutes](#) + [Executive Summary](#) + [Spreadsheet of Proposals](#), March 11, 2025 (D. Coleman)
- c. Approval of Graduate Council [Meeting Minutes](#), March 13, 2025 (S. Laursen)

III. Announcements and Reports

- a. Presidents Report (D. Alderman)
 - i. Heart & Soul Award Recipients
 - ii. [Survey Results](#): Requests for Faculty Work Outside 9-Month
 - iii. Announcing [Proposed Senate Bylaw Revision](#) by Finance & Benefits Committee (E. Lukosi & C. Staples) (for discussion/vote May 5)
- b. Elections
 - i. President-Elect introductions + Q&A (ten minutes)
 1. [Jud Laughter](#) ([statement](#))
 2. [Heather Sedges](#) ([statement](#))
 - ii. United Faculty Council
 1. [Amber Roessner](#) ([statement](#))

IV. New Business

- a. Parking Response to Senate Recommendations (T. Teal-Tate)
- b. Report from Vice Provost of International Affairs and Director of Global Engagement (G. Neisler)
- c. Update on Google to Microsoft Migration (D. Harder)

V. Information Items

- a. [Guidance for Faculty & Staff If Interacting with ICE Agent on Campus](#)
- b. [Changes in Hiring/Search Process](#) Result from Executive Order
- c. Reminder: Complete [COACHE Survey](#) by April 7
- d. Announcing April 29 (SU 169, 1:30-3:00pm) [Town Hall: Recognizing and Rewarding Community-Engaged Scholarship in P/T](#)
- e. Announcing April 17 Presentation for Senate: UTK Strategic Enrollment Plan 2030 (3:30-4:30pm, Location TBD)

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- f. [Special Committees and Task Forces](#) (proposed by Institutional Affairs Committee, endorsed by Executive Council)
- g. [Final Salary Comparison Report](#), Finance & Benefits Committee
- h. [UTK Advisory Board Report](#), February 07, 2025 (B. Schussler)
- i. Federal Executive Orders Support: [Research Central Hub](#)
- j. [Announcing Faculty Roundtables](#) (Rebuild Trust in Higher Education)
- k. [FY26 Budget Assumptions](#) (to learn about strategic priorities)
- l. [Internal Communications Survey](#) (non-Senate UTK survey)
- m. [Engagement & Outreach Conference](#) (proposals due 04/20)
- n. Campus Transition from Google to Microsoft: [Visit the OIT website](#) to review the timeline, access resource guides, and learn more. Share your thoughts about change at tiny.utk.edu/google-feedback.
- o. Call for [Heart and Soul Award Nominations](#)
- p. Help distribute and promote [Faculty Excellence in Action Infographic](#)
- q. [Robert's Rules Primer](#) (H. Sedges)
- r. [Senate Committees and Councils Summary Reports and Minutes Summaries](#)

VI. Adjournment of Formal Meeting

(Administrative Partners please leave at this time)

VII. Workshop Mode with All Senators (as time allows)

- Collecting Faculty Senator Feedback on Direct and Indirect Impact of Federal Changes and Challenges.

Mark Your Calendars

Senate Meeting Dates for **2025-2026 AY**:

Executive Council: 09/08/2025, 10/13, 11/03, 01/26/2026, 02/16, 03/23, 04/20

Faculty Senate: 09/22/2025, 10/20, 11/17, 01/12/2026 (if needed), 02/02, 03/02, 04/06, 05/04 + Reception

Upcoming Senate Meetings:

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