**Exempt Staff Council**

Tuesday, August 22, 2017– 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Visitor’s Center Ballrooms A&B

***MEETING MINUTES***

1. **Welcome**

Heath Nokes, ESC Chair, welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Exempt Staff Council.

1. **Business**

* **Guest Speaker – Dr. Nola Radford, Professor & Director of Clinical Education and Research**

Dr. Radford shared that the University of Tennessee Hearing and Speech Center was founded in 1953 as the East Tennessee Speech and Hearing Center to meet the needs of children and adults with speech, language, and hearing problems. The Center functions as an educational facility as well as a service provider within the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology. Especially, the Child Hearing Services (CHS) provides treatment for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children and their families who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing. Special emphasis is placed on early intervention and family education/counseling. The Hearing and Speech Center (HSC) also helps adults with communication disabilities and feeding-swallowing problems that are caused by dementia, cancer, and stroke. The Pediatric Language Clinic (PLC) provides services for young children and their families. Dr. Radford is very proud that their center has professionals with expertise in every area of speech and communication disorders. And the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology in which the Center is housed is among the top-ranked speech pathology programs in the states. Dr. Ashley Harkrider is the current Chair of the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology which consists of both the academic and clinical faculty. Dr. Radford also announced the event the Department is hosting October 27, 2017. Tamika Catchings will be speaking about the role the UTHSC Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology played in her life. Visit uthscalumni.com/catchingsdinner for more information. For more information about Hearing and Speech Center, please visit <http://www.uthsc.edu/health-professions/asp/hsc/index.php>.

1. **External Commission Reports**

* **Campus Planning — None**

If you are interested to become representative for Campus Planning, please view the committee information at http://masterplan.utk.edu/committee

* **Commission for Blacks — None**

If you are interested to become representative for Commission for Blacks, please view the committee information at http://cfb.utk.edu

* **Commission for Women — Teresa Fisher**

Not in attendance.

* **LGBT Commission — Eric Carr**

No Update.

* **Faculty Senate — None**

If you are interested to become representative for Faculty Senate, please view the committee information at http://senate.utk.edu

1. **Issues/Questions from constituents**

Any plans to repave Andy Holt Ave from all the construction or just patch the street? Pat Head Summit may also in need of paving?

Brian Browning: Currently, there is no repaving plan. Brian also shared some campus projects updates. The section of Volunteer Boulevard from Pat Head Summitt Street to Payton Manning Pass/Circle Park Drive is closed while the second phase of the three phase project to beautify Volunteer Boulevard takes place. Construction began in May and is slated to be complete this October. The landscape improvement portion of the project is scheduled to be complete in January 2018. A lane shift will also be put into place at the intersection of Pat Head Summitt and Volunteer. On street parking will be removed and there will be a creation of a shared bicycle/vehicular travel lane traveling in both directions on Volunteer. Student Union Phase II is underway. The project should be completed in late Fall 2018. Phase III of the West Campus Housing project is underway and includes the construction of two new residence halls. These new residence halls are part of the overall project to completely transform the west end of the UT Campus. Thompson-Boling Arena dining added two new food concepts: Which Wich and Bento Sushi. Stokely Hall has a very nice dining concept- Fresh Food Company.

Extension agents can be reimbursed with $300 if attend national meeting and $500 if present at national meetings. But the reimbursement does not cover meeting registration fees which can be a lot. Is there any plan to change this policy? - Michele Atkins

Heath Nokes: We will forward this concern to Dr. Shirley Hastings. And Have her report back to the group regarding the matter.

1. **Next Meeting**

September 26, 2017 @ 2:30pm at Visitor’s Center Ballrooms, A&B