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A Message from the Chancellor

Dear colleagues,

Earlier today, I joined chancellors from the other UT campuses in providing an update on our fall reopening plans to the Board of Trustees. While campus life will be different this year than it has been in the past, all of us remain committed to supporting you, our faculty and staff, and giving our students an experience that will help them succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Much of today's presentation focused on operational details such as new precautions and protocols in our classrooms, dining facilities, residence halls, and common spaces. You can watch archived video of today's meeting, as well as tomorrow's full board meeting, on the system website.

Above all, we know that wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distance are the best tools we have to keep our community safe and keep us on campus through the semester. Vols help Vols, and these efforts are effective in reducing the spread of the virus only if everyone commits to them.

Thank you for doing your part.

Donde Plowman
Chancellor

Time Change for Friday's Board of Trustees Meeting

The start time for Friday's UT Board of Trustees annual meeting has been moved back one hour to 9:30 a.m. EDT. The two-day meeting began today with a special session focused on the university's COVID-19 response, along with meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee and Education, Research, and Service Committee. The meeting will be webcast live and archived for later viewing; a link to the webcast will be available at tennessee.edu.

Hosting Campus Events and Visitors

The Office of Campus Event Services has created new guidance on hosting events and visitors. Event attendance will be limited to 50 people unless the event organizer has an approved exception. The guidance explains responsibilities for event organizers and visitors, the exceptions process, and hosting guests for drop-in visits. Learn more about hosting campus events and visitors.

Open Forums Next Week: Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Three finalists in the internal search for the next vice provost for faculty affairs will be announced next week. In the meantime, mark your calendars for virtual open forums, which will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on July 6, 7, and 8.

Teach a First-Year Studies Section This Fall

Beginning in the fall, the Vol First-Year Experience will enroll the majority of incoming first-year students in FYS 101. To support students in the Vol First-Year Experience, 38 additional sections of FYS 101 will be created this fall. The Office of the Provost is looking for additional instructors to teach these sections and has already ready recruited Chancellor Plowman, Provost John Zomchick, and Dean of Arts and Sciences Theresa Lee. View the application and

details about teaching FYS 101, including compensation information.

In Case You Missed It

Here is some good news you may have missed in the past week: UT has received approval from the US Census Bureau to house a research data center on campus. The center will be a branch of Atlanta's Federal Statistical Research Data Center, which is a partnership between the Census Bureau and a consortium that includes UT and nine other institutions across the Southeast. A UT nursing professor, inspired by his own family's experience with dementia, is studying the effects the disease has on caregivers. The College of Architecture and Design has teamed up with the National Organization of Minority Architects to create the Keystone Scholarship program, thanks in part to a significant investment from HASTINGS Architecture firm in Nashville.

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