Representatives and Alternates attending: Lori Lynn Baier, Terri Bearbower, Pam Blevins, Sue Carroll, Jennifer Faires, Valerah Hodges, Anne Jay, John Johnson, Anna Lane, Debbie Mirra, Melita Rector, Julia Romeo, Sue Stephens, Roberta Thurmond, Jean Walston, Baley Whary, Cindy Williams

Others in attendance: Melanie Sadler, Administrative Specialist, Human Resources; Dan Webb, Director, Human Resources

Call to order: Ms Hodges called the meeting to order.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the May meeting. (The ERC did not meet in June.)

Blue Ribbon Awards:

- May 2014: Rebecca Dragoo, Assistant Registrar, Records
- June 2014: Caesar Wood, Director, Campus Recreation

Guest: Laura Cagle, Event & Program Specialist, Chancellor’s Office

Members received a draft of the new Facilities Use Policy, prior to the meeting, and Ms Cagle asked for feedback. The policy, when approved, will be posted online with a list of reservable spaces. The Patten House, closed for renovations, will probably be added to the list when it re-opens. A member said it sounded as though any booking could be bumped for a university event. Ms Cagle said there was concern that UTC functions take precedence and priority so they wanted to be sure an event could take place in a certain room. The fee schedule is also being discussed.

Guest: Chuck Cantrell, Associate Vice Chancellor, Marketing & Communication

Improvements to Bretske, Metro, Student Park, and Heritage Plaza have been completed. Projects with renovations underway include State buildings, Housing, Arena, Maclellan Gym, and Holt Hall. Future projects include a new parking garage, academic building, and housing. Landscaping on Chamberlain Field includes a permanent location for the bonfire, which saw over 1,000 in attendance last year, and “C” statues. A proposal for Lupton Library includes glass enclosures to both sides of the portico, adding 15,000 square feet, and re-facing the building to fit in with other campus buildings.

Acquisition of the state buildings adds 600 parking spaces and 176,000 square feet in the main building and 83,000 square feet in the Mapp
building. The university will use the main building, which is on a private list of endangered buildings, for some time although the future use is unclear. Mr. Cantrell added that the frieze (decorative band on front of the building) is brass and marble. The Mapp building could be used for classes in business leadership.

Engel Stadium is on the National Register of Historic Places but UTC has not accepted any money from government sources. It is still unclear what will be done with the facility. Additional fields for Intramurals and Club Sports may be added along with a club house and tennis courts. A disc golf course would include a walking track. Three designs, none finalized, propose expanding the Arena to include Athletics offices.

A new 600-bed housing unit will open in Fall, 2018 where the tennis courts/racquetball center is located. A parking garage could be constructed across the street from the University Deli on what is now Unum property. McClellan gym remodel would add large windows facing E. 5th Street.

Buildings that will be demolished are Frist Hall, Doctor’s Building, 801 McCallie Avenue (old Red Cross building), and 739 McCallie Avenue (old Barr building) that houses the OCHS Center.

A possible partnership with UTC, UT College of Medicine – Chattanooga Unit, and Erlanger could result in construction of a Health Sciences building and a medical school in Chattanooga, near the Administrative Services Building. This combined facility would allow certain levels of healthcare (i.e., pre-nursing and pre-med) to receive training at the same time.

There is no projected timeline for Admissions, Financial Aid, Records, Bursar, and Graduate School to be centrally located as a one-stop shop. A member said students have complained about being unable to pick up a package in the University Center and wondered if the mail room could have a satellite office there. Mr. Cantrell responded that the UC is paid with student fees and Mail Services is an Auxiliary Unit in a building (Administrative Services) paid for with state funds. There are some issues as to what departments can be located in the UC.

An Emergency Response exercise involving several reporting agencies is scheduled for October 21 with a simulated act of violence. Rave alerts will be sent although probably not while the exercise is taking place. Mr. Cantrell urged members not to call campus police or University Relations to gain information while the event is ongoing. The university is close to implementing a message that won’t contain specifics about an incident but will have information for what an employee needs to do at that particular moment. Because UTC does not operate as a K-12 school, the university cannot go on lockdown and because it is located on a major artery to downtown, vehicular traffic cannot be stopped.
Tim Pridemore can tailor training that is customized for a department. A member asked why doors don’t automatically lock when an alarm is triggered and Mr. Cantrell said that would prevent fire and police personnel from entering the building. NEMS trained individual who is generally the first to arrive is in charge of the incident until main responders arrive; then, command is relinquished to them.

A new state law requires UT campuses to allow students to opt-out of programs he/she deems controversial. Programs are listed on the website. The Mocs Shuttle route is changing this year and will include one bus connecting McCallie Avenue with Market Street to encourage students/staff/faculty to shop and eat downtown. This shuttle will run every 20 minutes with regular shuttles running every 8 minutes, ending at 8:30 pm.

Last year’s enrollment of 11,674 is not expected to increase this year and may be the first time in 10 years without enrollment growth. Last year saw a decline in Graduate School enrollment which affected the budget because graduate students pay more tuition. Some new positions are on hold until October and some that were deemed critical have moved forward. Last year’s enrollment growth will not be added to the budget until this year. The university did well last year with Complete College Act goals but the state did not fully fund the formula. Had it been fully funded, $19 million would’ve been dispersed, instead of $6 million that was shared between Knoxville, Martin, and Chattanooga campuses.

Picnic

The annual picnic is August 8th in the gym from 11 am to 2 pm with a carnival-type atmosphere. Ms Hodges asked for volunteers to staff games and delivering promotional materials on July 28, 29, 30. VW will once again have cars available to test drive. The ARC will open that night for Family Fun Night. The picnic will shift to the spring beginning in 2015.

UT Foundation Representative

The Alumni Office and Development Office are under the auspices of the UT Foundation, while being physically located on the Chattanooga campus. They have representation on the Foundation but a request was made some time ago to allow one of their employees to attend ERC meetings. Lori Lynn Baier, nonexempt employee in Alumni, will attend as a representative of the UT Foundation at ERC meetings.

Next Meeting

The ERC will not meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is September 18 @ 2:00 in the Fortwood Room, University Center.

Adjournment
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Sadler
Administrative Specialist, Human Resources