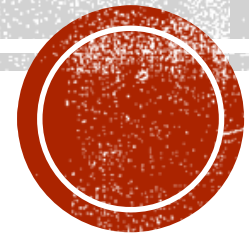


FAC UPDATE

Chris, Emily, & Chad

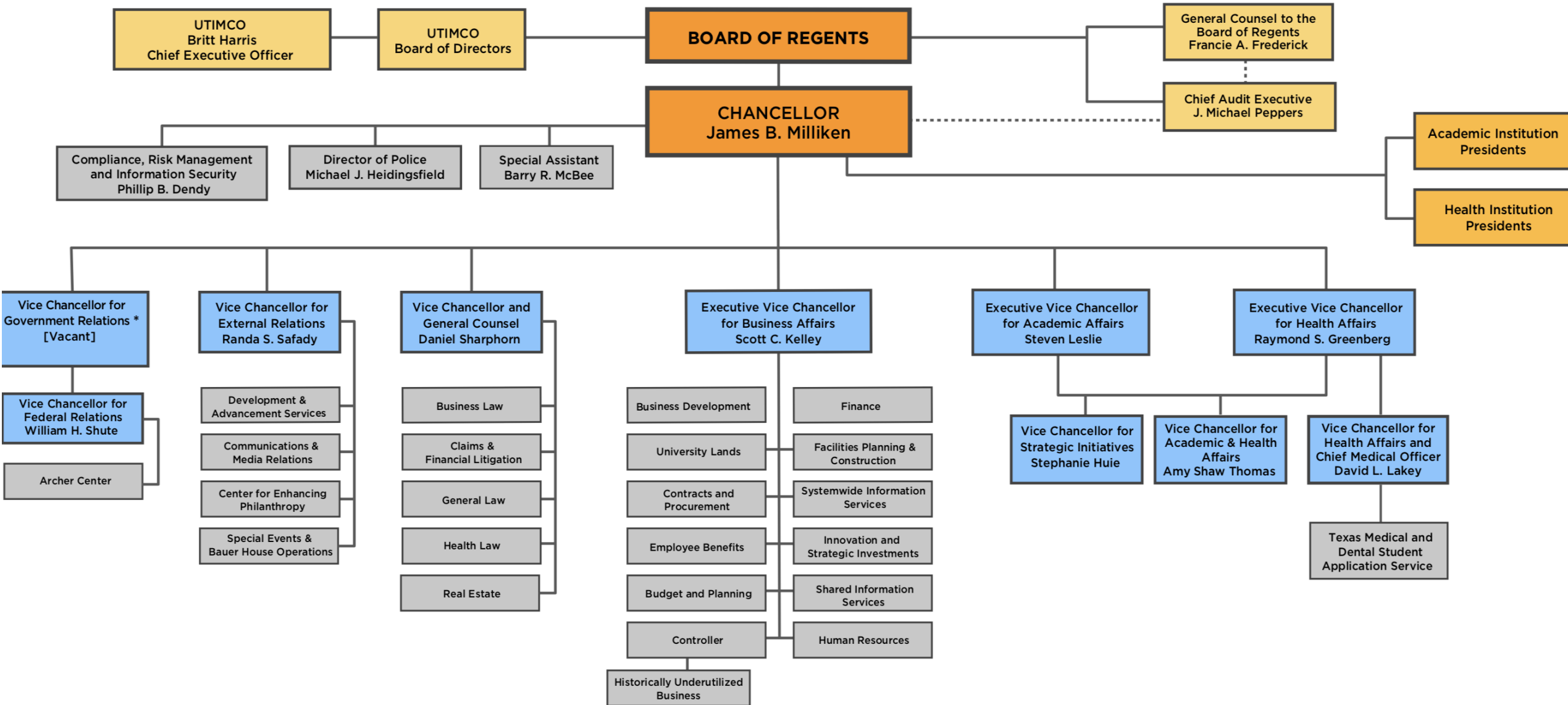


FALL 2019 FAC MEETING

- Held in Austin UTS building October 4/5 2018
- The UTS FAC is charged with:
 1. Identifying issues of concern to the faculty, Board of Regents or well-being of the U.T. System.
 2. Responding to issues at the request of the Board of Regents, Chancellor, U.T. System Administration, and/or UTSFAC membership.
 3. Conducting fact-finding, background exploration, exposition, analysis and deliberation on issues and to develop recommendations and/or action plans for review by the UTSFAC.
 4. Disseminating information to the UTSFAC, Board of Regents, and faculty and administrators of U.T. System institutions.
- Attended by several Vice Chancellors



UT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION CHART



* Barry McBee will continue oversight of the office until his successor is named.

IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS

- Past items include
 - Physician burnout syndrome – symposium and report presented to Chancellor
 - NTT faculty workload
 - Workload requirements
 - Free speech document sent to the Chancellor
 - Dual credit studies
- Army Futures Command
 - Keen to establish connections to UTS faculty
- Parental leave & grievance policies being examined
- Campus updates shows a fairly broad spread of problems between the campuses
- Protection of Intellectual Property
 - Letter by the NIH to the community will likely lead to greater compliance checking, including at UTS institutes
 - Expectation that other federal agencies will follow suit
 - FAC committee to work with UTS being formed



Dear Colleagues:

For many decades, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and institutions like yours have participated in productive partnerships that greatly advance biomedical science. Scientists at universities and academic medical centers, supported by NIH, have made seminal biomedical discoveries that have led to dramatic improvements in human health. The scientists whose work NIH is proud to help support come from all over this country and the world, bringing rich, diverse perspectives and backgrounds to the biomedical research enterprise.

The NIH-funded biomedical enterprise depends on a competitive system, which, to be successful, must be fair, transparent, and trustworthy.

Unfortunately, threats to the integrity of U.S. biomedical research exist. NIH is aware that some foreign entities have mounted systematic programs to influence NIH researchers and peer reviewers and to take advantage of the long tradition of trust, fairness, and excellence of NIH-supported research activities. This kind of inappropriate influence is not limited to biomedical research; it has been a significant issue for defense and energy research for some time. Three areas of concern have emerged:

1. Diversion of intellectual property (IP) in grant applications or produced by NIH-supported biomedical research to other entities, including other countries;
2. Sharing of confidential information on grant applications by NIH peer reviewers with others, including foreign entities, or otherwise attempting to influence funding decisions; and
3. Failure by some researchers working at NIH-funded institutions in the U.S. to disclose substantial resources from other organizations, including foreign governments, which threatens to distort decisions about the appropriate use of NIH funds.



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MY OWN FEELINGS

- FAC unifies the campuses together
 - 32 representatives of the ~21K faculty of the UTS
- I had the clear feeling the Chancellor's Office/UTS want to hear from FAC and take it seriously
- Cross-campus collaborations could be improved

