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Advisory Board to have first meeting of school year

The UT Martin Advisory Board will meet at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8, in Room 206 of the Boling University Center. The fall meeting is open to the public and available for viewing via livestream at www.utm.edu/abmeeting. The video of the full meeting will be archived for later viewing.

Agenda items to be covered include:

- Welcome Weekend and start of Fall 2023 semester
- Enrollment and retention
- Blue Oval City
- College of Business and Global Affairs building project
- 2023 Fiscal Year recap
- Capital projects

The full agenda and associated meeting materials are available [here](#) or by contacting Bud Grimes, Office of University Relations, at rgrimes@utm.edu or call 731-881-7615.

This meeting is the first of three meetings in the 2023-24 school year. There will also be a winter meeting and an annual meeting after spring graduation.

Members of the UTM Board include public members Hal Bynum, Monice Hagler, Art Sparks Jr. and Johnny Woolfolk; faculty representative **Dr. Clinton Smith** and student representative Taylor Cantrell. There is one vacant position for public representative.

Bynum, Hagler and Sparks have served on the Advisory Board since its inception.

Anyone with a disability or otherwise needing assistance related to this meeting



Art Sparks, the chair of the UTM Advisory Board, speaks at the Dec. 12 meeting at the Boling University Center. The Advisory Board will hold its first meeting of the 2023-24 school year on Friday in Room 206 of the Boling University Center.

can contact Grimes to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance.

Contact can be made in person, by writing, email, telephone or otherwise, and should be received no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

UT Martin also distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with providing adequate public notice.

The advisory boards at UT Martin and other state universities were formed with the passage of the Tennessee FOCUS Act in 2018 by the General Assembly, enabling colleges and universities to form their own governing boards separate from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The first UTM Advisory Board meeting was held Jan. 9, 2019.



**Tennessee Soybean Festival
September 2-9
30 YEARS OF CELEBRATION
IN WEAKLEY COUNTY!**

YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Brian Johnson, a lecturer of psychology, had a busy summer acting and directing.

In May, he played the role of the professor in “Asking Strangers the Meaning of Life” at the Purchase Players Community Performing Arts Center in Mayfield, Kentucky.

After that show wrapped up, he moved on and directed the Purchase Players’ production of “Misery” as the opening show in their new annual After Dark production.

In between, he played the role of Dr. Roger Thomas in an small-budget independent film titled “The Eye of the



Johnson

“Catfish” that filmed from July 22 through 30 in Clarksville and Springfield.

Dr. Genessa Smith, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, presented at the Fall 2023 Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco on Aug. 16.

Her abstract titled “Synthetic efforts toward the megastigmene terpenoids: making total synthesis accessible to undergraduate researchers” was accepted for a symposium on the total synthesis of complex molecules, hosted by the Division of Organic Chemistry.



Smith

Go Cloud Careers, an elite technology training company, collaborated with **Dr. Jamye Long**, associate professor of management, and **Dr. Cooper Johnson**, associate professor of management, on offering training videos designed to explain various business concepts in ways that are easy to consume for their clients who include people with a wide and varying span of business education and experiences. Included in this joint effort were the topics of microeconomics and macroeconomics. Specifically, Drs. Long and Johnson provided an understanding of what microeconomics and macroeconomics are, gave examples of how each are applied in business, and elaborated on ways in which both impact organizations of varying sizes, industries, and specialties. In their work with Go Cloud Careers, Drs. Long and Johnson have reached more than 6,830 individuals with additional projects in the works.



Long



Johnson

Office of University Outreach to provide health-care classes

The Office of University Outreach is offering in-person health care classes this fall.

For registration or program scheduling, visit www.utm.edu/outreach and look under “Online Certificate Programs and Career Training.”

This fall’s classes include:

- Clinical medical assistant program: Oct. 3-Jan. 23,

Tuesday, Thursday and some Saturdays.

- EKG technician program: Oct. 7-Jan. 20, Saturdays.

- Dental assistant program: Oct. 9-Dec. 11, Monday and Wednesday.

For specific program information or to register, visit www.utm.edu/nondegreehealth.

Skyhawk football season tickets are now on sale!

Chair seats	General admission	More information
General public - \$85	General public - \$65	731-881-7201
Faculty/staff - \$55	Faculty/staff - \$47	athletic.events@utm.edu

Submit a YoUTM!



Faculty and staff from the UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs pose with the skyline of Auckland, New Zealand, as the backdrop. Making the trip to the other side of the planet were (from left) Jennifer Killebrew, Dr. Adnan Rasool, Dr. Carrie Humphreys, Dr. Dexter Davis, and Dr. Mahmoud Haddad.

UTM faculty, staff, students visit New Zealand

Five UTM faculty and staff members and six students from the College of Business and Global Affairs visited UTM's newest study-abroad location, the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, in August.

Faculty, staff and students were welcomed to campus with a Maori ceremony and the Otago study-abroad team, and over the course of several days, the group attended classes, stayed in the international student housing, visited the residential colleges,

dined on campus and visited student organizations and student recreation.

The group also visited Auckland and Queenstown during the trip, and their adventures included highpoint views from the Sky City Tower and Skyline Gondola, seeing yellow-eyed penguins and kiwis, cruising on Lake Whakatipu and attending a women's World Cup match.

The faculty and staff members were **Dr. Carrie Humphreys**, associate professor of

political science and international studies; **Dr. Adnan Rasool**, assistant professor of political science; **Dr. Dexter Davis**, professor of sport business management; **Dr. Mahmoud Haddad**, professor of finance; and **Jennifer Killebrew**, director of undergraduate service and the Master of Business Administration Program.

Those interested in learning about this study abroad opportunity should contact Humphreys at chumph16@utm.edu.



Faculty, staff and students from the UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs and the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, pose for a photo during the UT Martin study abroad trip to New Zealand.

Miss UT Martin Pageant to be held Sunday

The 65th annual Miss UT Martin Pageant will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center.

Tickets for the pageant will be sold at the door.

Eight UTM students will compete for the crown in the pageant: Maleia Bigham, Jaida Fann, Faith Godoyo, Elayna Sides, Kiya Simmons, Sierra Smith, D’Ambrah Watts and Sloan Wiggs.

The event marks the end of the reign of Carleigh Jo Erwin of Dyersburg, who was crowned Miss UT Martin on Nov. 15.

The pageant is one of 19 preliminaries to the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant and is the fourth preliminary to be held thus far this season.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant will be held July 24-27, 2024, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

The winner of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant will compete in the Miss Volunteer America Pageant in June 2025.

MISS UT MARTIN PAGEANT

UTM WATKINS AUDITORIUM





LET'S GO SKYHAWKS!









SUN., SEPT. 10 AT 6 PM

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You Tell Me

• **Question** – I have been associated with UTM for many years and, honestly, this is the worst our normally beautiful campus has looked. The flower beds are full of tall weeds instead of pretty flowers. The grass is over my knees in places and has not been “weedeated” in what looks like weeks. What is going on with the grounds? Are we just shorthanded? I am curious and concerned.

• **Answer** – The Physical Plant currently has only eight full-time positions in grounds to cover 320 acres of the main campus. Of those eight positions, two have been vacant for over a year with few to no applications. In the past, a waiting list of UTM students existed that included those who wanted to work in grounds, but since the pandemic, that has not been the case. Now, very few UTM students are willing to work in grounds and, up until this year, the Physical Plant was restricted to hiring only UTM students. This year, the Physical Plant was allowed to hire high school students for grounds, and all were hired who were interested. They did a good job, but their classes started back in early August, so that left only the university’s six full-time employees, one of whom later went on approved leave. At about that same time, multiple days of heavy rains – uncharacteristic for this time of year – hampered progress with mowing and other landscaping work. The university has offered overtime pay for any facilities workers who were willing to help, and several have stepped up and worked overtime.

Submit your questions to Addenda at addenda@utm.edu.