

DEANS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 5, 2025

1. Faculty Success Platform (formerly FAR)

Sabrina Delaney

- Platform now branded as Faculty Success, under parent company Watermark.
- Possibility of using the platform to support faculty development leave applications.
- Annual evaluations begin in January. Deadline will be moved to March 1, 2026.
- Recommendation to include associate deans in evaluation workflow and consider including collegiality.

2. Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA)

Cindy Kilpatrick

- ROTA nominations now open. Deadline: January 15, 2026.
- Committee includes one representative from each college.
- Last year's winner: James Adams, Sound Recording Technology, Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts.

3. ADA Accessibility and CTL Support

Megan Weatherly

- New ADA compliance guidelines effective April 1, 2026.
- CTL will conduct workshops and support faculty directly.

4. First-Year Experience (FYE) Steering Committee

Marc Guidry

- New First-Year Advising Center to open in Library 2nd Floor by August, 2026.
- Approximately 11 advisors needed; focus on improving retention and consistent advising support.
- Have split into sub-committees.

5. AID Grant

Jordan Barkley

- Received a large number of applications.
- Will not fund compensation for creating online courses.
- Funding priorities include high-impact and innovative student success practices.
- Deans were asked to add their comments to the TEAMS folder by 5pm, November 10.
- Provost will then make decisions on awards.

6. College Reorganization Updates

- Several interdisciplinary realignments underway.

- Dean search for new College of Health Professions will begin after UTS Board meeting in November.

7. Budget Updates

- Funding requests should route through deans before going to the provost.
- Adjunct funding is currently over budget; adjustments may be needed.

8. Other Announcements

- Non-Academic Town Hall to discuss college reorg scheduled 11/14 at 3pm. be needed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- December 5, 2025.

Attendees: Justin Blount, Dustin Knepp, Forrest Lane, Sheryll Jerez, Kim Childs, Gary Wurtz, Stacy Hendricks, Tricia Cain, Megan Weatherly, Cindy Kilpatrick, Jordan Barkley, Marc Guidry, Sharon Brewer, Hans Williams, Sabrina Delaney