

**The University of Tennessee Space Institute  
Employee Relations Committee Meeting  
March 29, 2012, 9:00 a.m. CST  
Lower A Conference Room**

**Attendees:**

**ERC Committee Members**-Chris Armstrong, Natallia Kaptur, Lisa Lehman, Courtney Maricle  
**Chairperson** Patricia Burks-Jelks, **Secretary** Pam Ledford

**Employee Relations Advisory Board (ERAB) Meeting Update**

Courtney Maricle attended the ERAB meeting held March 21, 2012 in Knoxville. She briefed the committee with meeting highlights. Of particular interest President Joe DiPietro said the state is looking at a 2.5% across the board pay increase.

President DiPietro also asked ERC members to promote **UTALK**. **UTALK** is a means of communication with the UT President and system administrators to gather feedback and insight. While savings-related submissions are important and are always needed, comments of any kind are welcome. After sending a comment or question, you will receive a prompt reply. For more information, click <http://president.tennessee.edu/utalk/>.

Minutes from this meeting will be distributed when received.

**Due to population and species control, would it be possible to bow hunt on the fringes of campus-300 yards away from the buildings - during the 2012 deer season?**

Patricia Burks-Jelks contacted Wes McMinn, Facilities Director. He stated that hunting is a highly regulated activity, and doubts very much if UTSI can unilaterally allow any hunting that is not already authorized by the TWRA. Hunting is already allowed on campus in designated areas north of the 4-way stop. Upon discussion with Dr. Robert Moore, UTSI Executive Director, he responded that hunting on our campus is not an issue for consideration under any circumstances.

**2012 UTSI Picnic Planning**

Picnic planning has begun. Employees contact ERC members with any suggestions. The picnic has been scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendar.

**Next Meeting:**

Location: Room C102

Time: 9:00 am cst

Date: May 10, 2012

**Please submit agenda items for this meeting to your ERC representative no later than May 3, 2012.**