

**The University of Tennessee Space Institute  
Employee Relations Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2013, 2:00 p.m. CST  
Lower A Conference Room  
Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**ERC Committee Members:** Laura Horton, Larry Ledford, Courtney Maricle

**Absent:** Barbara Birdsong

**ERC Chairperson** Patricia Burks-Jelks, **Secretary** Pam Ledford

1. **2013 UTSI Picnic Planning** – Picnic planning has begun. Please contact the ERC members with any suggestions. The picnic is scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2013. Please mark your calendar.
2. **2014 UTSI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – For suggestions on possible events to celebrate this occasion, please contact Dee Merriman at [dmerrima@utsi.edu](mailto:dmerrima@utsi.edu). Physical Plant has begun sprucing up the campus in preparation of the celebration.
3. **Review ERAB minutes from March meeting** - Courtney Maricle attended the ERAB meeting held March 20, 2013 in Knoxville. She briefed the committee on meeting highlights. Please visit the [ERAB website](#) to read the latest minutes and read minutes from previous meetings.
4. **Changes in Retirement Plans** – Legislation is being proposed to create a new Hybrid pension plan for state employees and K-12 teachers hired on or after July 1, 2014. ***Current employees or retirees are not affected by the changes.*** New and updated information continues to be added at: <http://treasury.tn.gov/tcrs/index.html> (click on the Proposed State and Teacher Plans tab). For additional information, see the [March 20, 2013 ERAB minutes](#), question 4.

**Next Meeting:**

Location: Lower A Conference Room

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: May 10, 2013

Please submit agenda items for this meeting to your ERC representative no later than May 3, 2013.

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