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Part 1 – Overview of the University of Tennessee’s Title IX Enforcement Program

I. Overview of The University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee is a state system of higher education consisting of three institutions: 1) The University of Tennessee including the Knoxville campus, the Health Science Center at Memphis, the Space Institute at Tullahoma, the Institute of Agriculture, and the Institute of Public Service, 2) The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and 3) The University of Tennessee at Martin. This plan continues to cover all University of Tennessee locations.

The University states that “[a]s the state’s flagship comprehensive research institution, the University of Tennessee’s primary purpose is to move forward the frontiers of human knowledge and enrich and elevate society.” Instructional offerings include undergraduate, graduate, professional and postgraduate work. Major research areas include agriculture, biotechnology, energy and health sciences. In the public service area, the University supplies academic expertise to assist businesses, governments, agricultural producers, and rural and urban families. The University spans the State of Tennessee with a network of instructional, research, and service units located in every county.

The University of Tennessee is a recipient of federal financial assistance for education activities, and in accordance with the provisions of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Section 1681, et seq.), all of its education programs and activities are subject to the prohibition of Title IX of that act against discrimination on the basis of gender. In 1998, the Tennessee General Assembly passed Public Chapter 758, which requires that each state government entity subject to Title IX develop a Title IX implementation plan annually, and submit it to the state Department of Audit. This Title IX Implementation Plan for the University of Tennessee attempts to follow the guidelines set out for Tennessee State Agencies by the state Comptroller’s office. This plan reflects the guidelines set forth in the document, “Without Regard to Gender,” produced by the Office of Education Accountability. It does not mirror the University’s Title VI Plan that is also required by the State of Tennessee of all of its state agencies.

Both the Title IX plan requirements and the Title IV plan requirements are state requirements. The University has not found any other state government that requires the creation and implementation of a Title IX plan of its state agencies.

For the most part, The University of Tennessee, through its students, is a recipient of federal financial assistance and not an agency through which federal funds flow to sub-recipients. The University generally receives funds from a federal agency for distribution to other governmental entities or private entities. The University's primary duty under Title IX is to ensure that its own instructional, employment, research, and public service programs and activities are offered without discrimination on the basis of gender. A major national focus of Title IX compliance has been with regard to athletic opportunities provided on a nondiscriminatory basis by the recipients of federal funds. Title IX has also been the legislative vehicle through which individuals in the educational setting are provided coverage against gender discrimination and sexual harassment. A secondary duty of the University is to make reasonable efforts to assure Title IX compliance by those sub-recipients of federal funds distributed through the University. This obligation must be viewed within the University's limited resources and ability to delve into the policies and practices of other agencies that are governed by Title IX. The University's civil rights compliance obligation is carried out through of surveys conducted under the requirements of Title VI.

It is notable that the main campus of The University of Tennessee continues to be one of a very few remaining institutions nationwide maintaining separate athletic departments for men and women. This means that women's athletics continues to have a Director for Women's Athletics at the Knoxville campus (a Division I school for NCAA purposes).¹ This autonomy includes decision-making and fiscal independence. The University boasts many high-profile women's teams. The Knoxville campus has recently finished construction on a new soccer complex that will house the women's soccer program, and is in the final stages of completing a new softball complex located on the University's campus.

A. Budget Information

The University of Tennessee is a recipient of federal and state funds. A chart has been provided as **Appendix A** showing the schedule of federal expenditures allocated to The University of Tennessee for fiscal year **2005-06**. There is also a schedule of federal agency dollars expended by the University and the amount distributed to sub-recipients in the same appendix.

II. Organization and Designation of Title IX Coordinators

The University of Tennessee has a designated Title IX Coordinator at each campus location. Following is a list of the Coordinators and their respective campuses:

Mr. Michael Alston Memphis campus

Ms. Patricia Burks-Jelks Tullahoma campus

¹ This was true at the time of the compilation of this information.

Dr. Ann Duncan	Martin campus
Ms. Marva Rudolph	Knoxville campus
Dr. Barbara Wofford	Chattanooga campus

These Coordinators have overall responsibility for monitoring compliance with Title IX and other state and federal civil rights functions. Responsibilities for developing and implementing the University's Title IX Implementation Plan are housed in the University's Office of Equity and Diversity located at the Knoxville campus at 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996.

III. Statement of Policies and Applicability

The University of Tennessee's nondiscrimination guidelines read as follows:

The University of Tennessee does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in provision of educational programs and services or employment opportunities and benefits. This policy extends to both employment by and admission to the University.

The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or disability in its education programs and activities pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

*Inquiries and charges of violation concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) or any of the other above referenced policies should be directed to **the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498 (TTY available)**. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to **the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity, 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560.**²*

In addition to this nondiscrimination statement, the University has established a policy concerning fair employment practices to ensure equal employment opportunity to all University employees and applicants for employment. Personnel Policy 220 reads as follows:

It is the policy of The University of Tennessee not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or being a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era. This policy extends to recruitment, employment, promotion,

² Note: The information provided in "bold" varies according to the campus location.

demotion, transfer, lay-off, termination, compensation, training, benefits, and all other terms and conditions of employment.

Employment opportunities will not be distinguished on the basis of sex unless sex is a bona fide occupational qualification. Employment opportunities will not be distinguished on the basis of age except where age is reasonably taken into account as a factor necessary to the normal operation or the achievement of any statutory objective of a program or activity administered by the University.

The University will take affirmative action to recruit, employ, and to advance in employment minorities, women, disabled veterans, and veterans of the Vietnam Era. Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified disabled veterans and persons with disabilities in accordance with Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The University prohibits any retaliatory action against an employee for opposing a practice which he/she believes to be discriminatory, including the filing of an internal complaint or grievance or a charge with a state or federal civil rights enforcement agency.

Each unit will promulgate an Affirmative Action Plan for the implementation of the above commitment. Also, each unit will provide a complaint procedure for equal employment opportunity and discrimination complaints. Affirmative Action Plans will be publicized and made available to employees.

A. Other Related Policies

The University has adopted several policies and procedures that support Title IX. As mentioned above, University Personnel Policy 220, Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action, supports fair employment practices and equal employment opportunity; Personnel Policy 143, Recruiting, provides for the creation of systematic and equitable search procedures at each campus location; Personnel Policy 280, Sexual Harassment, establishes and defines the University's overall policy prohibiting sexual harassment. Policy 280 also establishes the requirement that each campus location provide training for employees on what constitutes sexual harassment, and create a sexual harassment complaint procedure. Personnel Policy 640 establishes a grievance policy that may apply in certain complaint situations.

Hiring policies and practices are monitored and reviewed on each campus by the campus Equity and Diversity/Affirmative Action office. Searches for faculty and professional staff are closely reviewed in order to monitor the recruitment and selection of qualified women applicants (in addition to qualified minority applicants). Portions of the Knoxville campus search procedures³ and samples of sexual harassment complaint procedures can be found in **Appendix B** and **Appendix C**.

³ The full set of search procedures for the Knoxville campus may be viewed at <http://web.utk.edu/~oed/>

Additional related policies and procedures can be found in campus and institute affirmative actions plans and in campus student handbooks and faculty handbooks. Student handbooks provide information regarding the University's sexual harassment policies and complaint procedures as they relate to students. Faculty handbooks are another method of notifying faculty of the University's prohibition against sexual harassment. The Knoxville faculty handbook has also provided guidance on the use of non-sexist language in the classroom setting. The handbook has been revised and policies applicable to this report are attached. See: **Appendix D**.

Most policies and procedures are widely available to University faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors through the University's main website, and through each individual campus' websites. See: <http://www.tennessee.edu>. Additionally, both the Men's and Women's Athletics Departments reference Title IX and link to the Equity and Diversity homepage.

IV. Definitions

“Assurance” is a written statement or contractual agreement signed by an authorized University official in which the University agrees to administer federally assisted programs in accordance with civil rights laws and regulations.

“Applicant” for student purposes is defined as: anyone who expresses an interest in attending the University, fills out the necessary application forms, and pays the required application fee.

For employment purposes, “applicant” is anyone who expresses an interest in employment with the University and fills out the necessary application form(s) or fulfills the application requirements as determined by applicable search committees.

“Beneficiaries” are those persons to whom the University provides instructional, research, or public service assistance, service, or benefits.

“Complaint” is the reporting of an act or activity by any University employee, student, applicant for admission or employment, or other participant in UT's programs or activities where the reporter believes that he or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status. Complaints generally are to be put in writing and filed within 300 calendar days.

“Discrimination” is to make any distinction between one person or group of persons and others, either intentionally, by neglect, or by the effect of actions or lack of actions based on race, sex, color, religion, disability, age, national origin, or veteran status.

“Educational Program and Activity” includes all the operations of the University including admissions, instruction, research, public service, and employment activities.

“Federal assistance” is any funding, property, or aid provided by the federal government or a federal agency for the purpose of assisting a beneficiary.

“Gender Equity” is the effort to provide services and programs without regard to gender.

“Grievance” for the purpose of the University Grievance Policy (Policy 640), means a non-exempt employee’s complaint about matters listed in the policy that the employee has been unable to resolve with his or her supervisor. “Grievances” which allege discrimination issues must first be addressed through the campus/unit discrimination complaint procedure.

“Noncompliance” for the purposes of Title IX is defined as a failure or refusal to comply with Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, other applicable civil rights laws, and implementing regulations.

“Post Award Compliance Review” will be the methods through which the University ensures that any subrecipients of federal funds will comply with Title IX and other applicable civil rights acts.

“Primary recipient” for purposes of Title IX, is one who receives or benefits from federal financial assistance either directly or through another recipient.

“Secondary recipient” for purposes of Title IX, is viewed in the same manner as a “sub-recipient” for Title VI purposes. A sub-recipient is any entity (or individual) with which the University contracts to perform services funded in whole or in part by federal funds.

“Sex discrimination” is to make a distinction between one person or group of persons and others, either intentionally, by neglect, or by the effect of actions or lack of actions based on gender.

“Sexual harassment” is defined in University policy as follows: “unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when: 1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or status in a course, program or activity; 2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment or academic (grades, academic progress, internships, etc.) decisions affecting the individual; or 3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual’s work performance, academic performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.”

V. Staff and Budgetary Resources

Each Title IX Coordinator for each campus is responsible for coordinating compliance and training functions associated with Title IX and civil rights statutes in

general, although such functions may be carried out by other units such as personnel or the General Counsel's office. Resources are allocated for training, publishing and printing materials, continuing education of personnel working with Title IX issues, and purchasing of current materials and publications through each responsible office's operating budget. Title IX Coordinators make every effort to meet annually, in conjunction with other meetings, for training updates, guidance, discussion of relevant issues, and assistance in administering the University's Title IX programs. Additionally, inquiries are made about Title IX in numerous conference calls involving the Title IX Coordinators for the system's different campuses, and through discussions with the Knoxville Men's and Women's Athletics Departments.

In addition to staff efforts, the University has various committees whose responsibilities include a focus on Title IX issues. One of these committees includes the Commission for Women at the Knoxville campus. The Chattanooga campus also has a campus-wide committee that has delved into equity in athletics issues and continues to update UTC's 5-year Gender Equity Plan.

VI. Civil Rights Training

A. Training efforts and Outreach programs

Title IX Coordinators and/or their staff participate in national conferences, regional training opportunities, and seminars that include Title IX training and issues, as resources allow. During 2006-07 (as an example), Knoxville OED staff attended programs titled: "Latest Developments in Gender Discrimination and Harassment," "Title IX Issues in Athletics," "Gender Identity Discrimination," and "Women in Athletics: Title IX Update, Non-traditional Sports, Employment and Other Issues," at two different national higher education conferences. Title IX Coordinators also subscribe to applicable monthly publications (again, as resources allow) that address Title IX issues. A sample of these publications includes Women in Higher Education, Title IX Compliance Bulletin for College Athletics (a monthly newsletter), Educator's Guide to Controlling Sexual Harassment (a monthly bulletin), and Tennessee Employment Law Update (a monthly newsletter). In addition to these and other publications, the coordinators may also subscribe to various computer list-serves dedicated to legal issues in higher education.⁴ The Title IX Coordinators and staff may also subscribe to The Chronicle of Higher Education, which regularly includes articles about Title IX and other equity issues.

Additionally, the University undertakes its training responsibilities in a variety of ways at the different campus locations. Below are some of the methods used to educate University students and personnel in Title IX issues (particularly sexual harassment):

⁴ An example of such listservs include Affirmnet (for affirmative action officers in higher education) and NACUNET (for college and university attorneys in higher education).

1. Many campuses and different units of the University have participated in sexual harassment training provided by the Title IX Coordinators, University Human Resources Officers and/or employees of the University General Counsel's office.
2. The University's sexual harassment policy is provided to all new employees during employee orientation at the different campus locations. On the Knoxville campus, OED staff meet with each new group of employees for a brief overview of policies relating to EEO and the University's policies prohibiting sexual harassment.
3. Non-discrimination policies and procedures with regard to gender are addressed at all initial search committee meetings at the outset of the hiring process for administrative, faculty and exempt staff positions at the Knoxville campus. Virtually all search committees include female committee members.
4. UT Martin has tried specifically to extend efforts to recruit female applicants for consideration for tenure track positions in disciplines that have been non-traditionally female disciplines.
5. Following an analysis conducted by an external consultant in 2002, UTC created a Title IX Gender Equity plan which is available on the UTC website. From 2002-2005, 11 of 20 areas of deficiencies were corrected. In 2005, a dedicated student-athletic fee was created to assist in the completion of the Gender Equity Plan. The Plan anticipates a completion date of 2008. The Athletics Department is currently monitoring efforts to meet the plan's recommendations.
6. Sexual harassment training sessions are conducted for all medical residents at locations in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Jackson, Covington, and Memphis.
7. Sexual harassment seminars are held on a routine basis for employees at UT's Memphis locations.
8. Non-discrimination and sexual harassment programs are provided for various First Year Studies classes (comprised of entering freshmen) and other undergraduate courses on a request basis at the Knoxville campus. As the First Year Studies program is revised, the OED office will continue to offer such programs.
9. Training seminars are provided for all Graduate Teaching Assistants in many of the large units on the Knoxville campus (including English GTA's, Math GTA's, History graduate students, new University GTA's and other units, as requested).

10. Training seminars are provided for individual classes and programs on a request basis. Example of this is a training session conducted annually for all MBA students (100 students) and for all students preparing for internships through the College of Social Work (50-60 students). Seminars have also been provided to faculty groups, including the Political Science faculty during Fall 2006. In Fall of 2007, Knoxville will additionally have training available to department heads and other academic departments.
11. A University training program geared towards supervisors includes a significant component on non-discrimination concepts and sexual harassment compliance obligations.
12. The OED staff participated in a Federal Department of State sponsored program during summer 2006 for Pakistani students. As part of the education component of the program, OED staff introduced the Pakistani students to concepts of gender equity and sexual harassment civil rights protections.
13. Residence Hall Directors/Managers receive training in the area of sexual harassment on an annual basis at the Knoxville campus.
14. Knoxville Student Orientation Leaders are familiarized with the University's sexual harassment policies during their orientation.
15. Sexual harassment training is offered to employees through the Human Resources Training Unit (training provided by OED staff, EEO/AA Officer/Human Resources staff or General Counsel staff) at the various campus locations.
16. All candidates who interview for faculty and exempt positions at the Martin campus are given sexual harassment brochures and are made aware of the University's policies regarding sexual harassment.
17. Sexual harassment training is provided to each college of the Memphis campus, including the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Dentistry, College of Allied Health, College of Nursing, and the College of Graduate Health Sciences.
18. The AA/EEO Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the Memphis campus meets with all incoming students for each discipline and discusses the sexual harassment policy.
19. The Agriculture Extension Office provides sexual harassment training for its new extension agents.

20. Knoxville OED has provided state-wide training for the University's Institute for Public Service.
21. UTK's Women's Athletics Department has participated in a Mentors in Violence Program (MVP) geared towards raising the awareness of student-athletes about the level of verbal, emotional, physical and sexual abuse that exists. Mentors are sent from the Southeastern Conference to participating campuses where they meet with a different group of student athletes each year.

Additionally, the University includes a reference to Title IX obligations at all supervisory or other training sessions that cover nondiscrimination issues. These obligations are also covered in any training sessions involving good interview practices.

VII. Discriminatory Practices Prohibited

Some examples of prohibited discriminatory practices specific to the University include:

1. Denial of admission on the basis of gender.
2. Denial of academic or student support services on the basis of gender.
3. Denial of scholarships or other financial aid on the basis of gender, except as allowed under the provisions of Title IX.
4. Employment opportunities will not be distinguished on the basis of sex unless sex is a bonafide occupational qualification. Any instances of this would be extremely rare.
5. Discrimination in the provision of working conditions/environment. Within the employment arena, the University makes no distinction between married or unmarried persons of either gender in employment or promotional opportunities, nor does the institution deny employment to women with young children, nor does the institution make any distinction based upon gender in determining age for termination from employment, where such determination is allowable by law.
6. Denial of any services, or other benefits for which individuals are otherwise qualified on the basis of gender. University policies and practices assure appropriate physical facilities to both sexes. The University does not deny employment or promotional opportunity to a person of either gender because of a lack of appropriate physical facilities.

VIII. Federal Assistance/Guidance

The University's different campuses regularly receive requests from state and federal agencies requesting assurances of compliance. All such requests receive responses from either the appropriate OED office, HR office or research office. Recently, the UTK campus received its first request for Title IX information from NASA. The University was able to respond by sending NASA a copy of the most recent Title IX plan. NASA found the University to be in full compliance.

Universities around the country have been alerted that the federal Office of Civil Rights intends to increase its focus on Title IX compliance. This intention was presented at one of the national meetings attended by OED staff, and may involve desk monitoring or on-campus compliance reviews. The University believes itself to be prepared in the event that it receives notice of such a review.

Part 2 – Approach to Major Civil Rights Functions

I. Statements of Assurance

All University contracts for educational programs or services support the University's policy of non-discrimination. The following assurance is contained in the University of Tennessee's "Standard Terms and Conditions":

No person on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, **sex**, national origin, veteran status or any other classification protected by Federal and/or Tennessee State constitutional and/or statutory law shall be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of such non-discrimination, and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notice of non-discrimination.

A copy of the "Standard Terms and Conditions" is included as **Appendix E**.

In addition to the language contained in University contracts, the University requires a survey and statement of assurance from all sub-recipients of federal funds that acknowledges compliance with Federal regulations.

II. Public Notification

The University of Tennessee notifies the general public of the University's commitment to Title IX and other civil rights obligations through the inclusion of a statement of policy in regard to nondiscrimination practices, including Title IX, in all

University brochures and publications made available to the public. The policy is also included in the University's student handbooks and employment policies. A sample of this statement is provided as **Appendix F**.

Staff, Faculty, and student employees are regularly notified of the University's policy through flyers mailed along with University paychecks on at least an annual basis on the Memphis and Knoxville campuses. Staff and faculty are also notified (and receive the same flyer) on the Knoxville campus during orientation. Flyers are posted at various locations on the different campuses. Students at some campus locations receive information about the non-discrimination policies during freshmen orientation and first-year studies training sessions. Students are also notified through student handbooks that are made available to all students.

It is important to note that all information related to the University's obligations in the areas of nondiscrimination and civil rights, including Title IX, is widely disseminated and available to the University community and the public at large through notifications and publications on the University's websites. Each campus maintains well-developed websites that provide extensive information, data, and copies of reports that may be of interest to the public. For instance, UTC's Gender Equity Plan may be found at the campus athletic department website.

The University's anti-discrimination statement directs inquiries and charges of violation concerning Title IX (among other civil rights laws) to each campus location's responsible office, along with a mailing address and telephone number for each responsible office. The statement is required to be included in all position announcements, brochures, bulletins, catalogs, application forms, posters, newsletters, and other publications which are made available to alumni/ae, faculty, staff, students, applicants, and other participants in or beneficiaries of the University's programs. Several examples of publications containing the statement are included with this Plan as enclosures.

Retaliation against any person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in an investigation, or who opposes an unlawful employment practice, is strictly prohibited by University policy and federal law.

Training is made available to students, faculty and staff as noted in section VI, B.

III. Compliance Reviews

The University of Tennessee currently reviews recipients pre-award and post-award compliance with civil rights obligation through self-survey. The University currently has a plan under Title VI that includes a self-survey and an assurance statement for pre-award compliance review. The self-survey method allows the Title IV Coordinators to review each survey and make a determination as to whether additional action is needed in view of the responses on the survey. The assurance statement reminds

the subcontractor, in writing, of its Title IV obligations, and of the University's intent to contract only with those subcontractors who agree to the terms in writing. At the same time, the Title IV Coordinators are able to review the responses for compliance with Title IX.

Additionally, under the University's Title VI Plan, self-surveys are retained and reviewed for compliance. If any survey responses indicate deficiencies, additional documentation of compliance could be requested from sub-recipients. Failure to answer a question could trigger action by the University. Any sub-recipient who indicates noncompliance with Title VI or Title IX would be given written notice that the University will suspend, terminate, or reject future contracts with that entity if that entity fails to correct the deficiency within a reasonable period of time. These procedures may also be modified or added to during the upcoming year.

IV. Complaints of Discrimination

A. Adoption of Grievance Procedures

The University of Tennessee has had a discrimination complaint procedure in place since the late 1970's. The current procedures are available for complainants who believe that they have been discriminated against on the basis of their gender, and for complaints of sexual harassment.⁵ Each campus has tailored its procedure to fit the particular campus needs, yet meet its civil rights obligations. A sample of a campus procedure is included in **Appendix G**.

Generally, the complaint procedures provide coverage for employees, students, applicants for admission or employment or any other participant in the University's programs or activities. Complainants are encouraged to put complaints in writing; however, a written complaint may not be required, particularly in the case of sexual harassment. Complaints must usually be filed within 300 days of the alleged discrimination. Procedures provide for the resolution of complaints, rather than just footproviding a method to file a complaint. Appeals procedures are also outlined in the complaint procedures. In addition, complaints may be resolved informally, if appropriate.

University of Tennessee non-exempt personnel may also pursue a grievance under University Personnel Policy and Procedure 640 (Grievances) if they are not satisfied with the determination made under the nondiscrimination complaint procedures. This is available in accordance with Tennessee State law.

⁵ The complaint procedures are available for complaints of discrimination based on all legally protected classes.

V. Data Collection and Analysis

The athletic programs maintained at the Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Martin campuses have been remarkably successful, and the women's teams at the different campuses have maintained high levels of competitiveness. Following is a summary of some of the successes of the programs.

UT Chattanooga

- Two female track athletes from UTC competed in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in 2007.
- Seven of UTC's women's softball players were named to the Southern Conference All-Conference teams;
- The softball team won their ninth conference regular season title;
- The first women's tennis player in UTC's history qualified for the NCAA Tennis Championships in 2007;
- UTC recently hired a female Director of Compliance for its athletics programs

UT Knoxville

- Every women's team advanced to post-season Division I competition;
- Every women's team surpassed the measures required by the NCAA for academic progress;
- The women's basketball team won the NCAA national championship and regular season SEC championship;
- One female soccer player earned a spot on the Women's National Team, and the team finished 2nd in the SEC;
- UTK hosted the NCAA women's rowing championship; the team placed 9th;
- The women's indoor track team won the SEC championship and placed 3rd at the NCAA championship;
- The women's softball team competed in the College World Series for the first time and earned a second place in the NCAA championship;
- 9 outdoor track athletes qualified for the NCAA championship
- All other women's teams were very competitive on a conference and national level.

UT Martin

- Martin's athletics department added a women's varsity equestrian team beginning in Fall 2006;
- The coach of the co-ed rifle team was named OVC Coach of the Year;
- Female athletes are well-represented in the University's Rodeo program;

- Four players from the women's softball team were selected for the All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

1. Participation rates in intercollegiate athletics.

The University provides a wide-range of intercollegiate athletic opportunities to its students. Varsity sports are available at the Knoxville, Martin, and Chattanooga campus locations. These sports include (but may differ from campus to campus) basketball, track, football, golf, softball, tennis, indoor track, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, crew, cross-country, baseball, rodeo and rifle. The most recent participation rates available are included in **Appendices H, I, and J.**⁶

In April 2003, the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, published a "Gender Equity Plan." The Plan was developed as part of the institution's continued commitment to ensure compliance with NCAA guidelines relating to the participation of women in college athletics and Title IX regulations. The University identified measurable goals, steps to be taken, responsibilities, and timelines for the identification, examination, and suggested corrective action for specific areas relating to men's and women's athletics and resources. The Gender Equity Committee, established to help carry out the plan, will also make an assessment as to whether the University is "providing nondiscriminatory participation opportunities for individuals of both sexes." (Gender Equity Plan, p. 5). From 2002-2005, 11 of the 20 deficiencies noted have been corrected.

During the 2003-2004 year, the Chancellor at the UTC campus authorized a student vote on a proposed student-athletic fee of \$6 per semester hour (capped at 12 hours). The additional funds would have been used by the Athletic Department to help accomplish some of the gender equity goals developed in the Gender Equity Plan. Unfortunately, the proposed fee was defeated by the students. In the fall of 2005, however, a dedicated student-athletic fee was initiated allowing UTC to complete most of the items that remained non-compliant. The University has a plan to complete the remaining items.

The Chattanooga campus also conducted an interest survey in order to determine unmet interest in athletic opportunities. The survey was conducted over a week-long period that involved administration and students. As a result of the survey, UTC elected to add the sport of women's golf to the University's other NCAA recognized sports. Five athletes have signed up to participate and competition will begin in Fall 2007.

In addition to intercollegiate athletic opportunities, most campuses offer non-varsity sports and informal recreational opportunities to thousands of students of both sexes to participate in athletic activities serving their own interests. Intramural, informal and club sports on the main campus are evaluated each semester by the Recreation staff for participation rates and student interest. Teams and opportunities are created based on these evaluations and the level of interest indicated by the students. On the Knoxville

⁶ Because of the timing of the NCAA's reporting requirements, the information provided reflects the preceding year.

campus, every program and every facility is evaluated on a semester-by-semester basis, and adjusted accordingly.

2. Enrollment in selected classes such as advanced math and science, and vocational education.

Enrollment in all University classes is open without regard to gender. Enrollment in such classes as math and science classes does not depend on the gender of the student; rather, it depends on the requirements of the student's selected major field of study. The major field of study is self-selected and open to all qualified students, regardless of gender. Currently, female students represent the majority gender at the Knoxville, Chattanooga and Martin campuses.

3. Employees in administrative positions

The University produces Affirmative Action Plans each year in order to analyze its workforce and evaluate the effectiveness of the University's affirmative action efforts. The Plans are another method of emphasizing the University's policies of equal employment opportunity and its commitment to make good faith efforts in the areas of recruitment, employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, lay-off, termination, compensation, training, benefits, and all other terms and conditions of employment. These annual Affirmative Action Plans provide detailed statistics and analysis of the University's workforce in terms of race and gender. Copies of these plans are available through the Title IX Coordinators listed in Part 1, Section II, of this plan.

Each University campus or reporting structure also compiles data on faculty and staff in terms of race and gender. Most campuses report this information in campus fact books. Samples of the information found in these fact books may be found in **Appendix K – Faculty and Staff Data**.

In addition, extensive data regarding employment statistics and gender/race composition of the University's workforce are compiled annually through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report which is used for biennial reporting to the Department of Labor. A copy of this report is available from the University's Office of Institutional Research through the Office of Equity and Diversity (Knoxville office: 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996).

VI. Compliance Reporting

The University will maintain all compliance records as required by its federal funding agencies. As the University continues to require assurances of compliance and self-surveys to include all federal civil rights obligations, it will maintain such records to demonstrate its compliance with federal regulations. The University already keeps copies of its training materials, and copies of any discrimination complaints filed through the campus discrimination complaint procedures process.

VII. Coordination with Other Agencies

The University of Tennessee has not delegated its responsibilities for Title IX compliance to any other agency.

VIII. Effecting Compliance

As part of the University's Title IX enforcement plan, the University will develop, as needed, policies and procedures to be followed when it is determined that a Title IX violation may have occurred. A brief outline of the University's current review process of subrecipients compliance enforcement plan, and resolution of noncompliance appear in **Part 2, Section III**.

The University will review and revise its policies and procedures annually or as needed. It will continue its efforts to reinforce its commitment to nondiscrimination based on gender.

Appendix A
Federal and State Allocation of Funds
and
Sub-recipients of Federal Awards

Appendix B

Examples of Search Procedures

Appendix C

**Sample Sexual Harassment
Complaint Procedure**

Appendix D

Sample Non-Sexist Language Guidelines

Appendix E
Standard Terms and Conditions for
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Appendix F
Sample Tagline

Appendix G

**Sample Discrimination Complaint
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Appendix H
Athletic Participation Rates
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Appendix K

Samples of Faculty/Staff Data

Enclosures