

UT-AAUP Newsletter

RECORDING OF LECTURES

Faculty have inquired about faculty rights concerning the recording of lectures during the reopening of the Fall Semester.

Three questions have been presented:

1. Who owns the recordings?
2. Can UT reuse the recordings without faculty permission?
3. Can the Administration use the recordings for faculty evaluation?

The UT-AAUP received the following responses from the Provost:

1. Who owns the recordings?

2. Can UT reuse the recordings without faculty permission?

Provost response: *“The University owns the recordings per contract and policy but the recordings will not be used without written permission by the faculty.”*

UT-AAUP Note: The University may or may not own the recording, but it does not own the content of the recordings per Article 17.2 of the T/TT CBA and Article 28.2 of the Lecturer CBA. The course content including copyright are owned by the faculty. In any case, the issue is moot because the Provost says “the recordings will not be used without written permission of the faculty.”

3. Can the University use the recordings for faculty evaluation?

Provost response: *“The University will not use the recordings for evaluation.”*

UT-AAUP Note: Because the recorded content and copyright are owned by the faculty, the recordings cannot be used except with the permission of the faculty. The recordings might be used to support faculty teaching subject to the approval of the faculty.

Please submit any follow-up questions concerning the above to Don Wedding, UT-AAUP Grievance Officer at donwedding@toast.net

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