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Presenter: Randy Boyd, Interim President

At the Executive Committee meeting on May 1, 2019, Chair Compton challenged the administration to explore and propose how to dramatically increase the University's national reputation, impact and research rankings. In response, the administration proposes two action items that capitalize on the talent, resources, and relationships within the University of Tennessee System combined with the University's partnership with Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

The University of Tennessee must find opportunities to better capitalize on its strengths across the state to develop distinction nationally. The President proposes that the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), which is headquartered in Knoxville, be unified with UT Knoxville, the flagship campus, to elevate the impact and reputation of UTIA and UT Knoxville in relation to other leading and

attract and retain top talent to both the state of Tennessee and to the Department of Energy's national laboratory system.

To best coordinate and administer the joint activities of UT and ORNL, the Administration

