

UTK Faculty Senate Cherokee Farm Resolution

Whereas, Section 1.6 of the UTK Faculty Handbook empowers the “Faculty Senate ...to consider, advise, and recommend to the administration policies about a wide range of issues affecting the general welfare of the faculty (including)...changes in physical facilities; and

Whereas, the 2001 UTK Campus Master Plan, approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees October 5, 2001, specifically designates Cherokee Farm as part of the UTK campus; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees approved 2001 UTK Campus Master Plan which designates Cherokee Farm as part of the UTK campus was also approved by the Tennessee State Building Commission; and

Whereas, there is a significant current and anticipated future need for research and teaching space for UTK faculty and students; and

Whereas, there is a pressing need for recreational fields for UTK students; and

Whereas, on April 2, 2007, the UTK Faculty Senate approved a proposal from the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee strongly “urging the University administration to include adequate child care facilities in the plans for the Cherokee campus;” and

Whereas, the purview and legitimacy of the recently appointed Cherokee Farm Planning Committee, Chaired by UT Executive Vice-President Millhorn, are predicated on the erroneous assumption of UT System ownership and control of the Cherokee Farm; and

Whereas, UTK faculty and students are significantly under-represented on the Cherokee Farm Planning Committee established by the UT System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UTK Faculty Senate requests that President Petersen recognize UTK's purview over Cherokee Farm and dissolve the current Cherokee Farm Planning Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon dissolution of the current Cherokee Farm Planning Committee, we encourage Chancellor Crabtree to appoint a UTK Cherokee Farm Planning Task Force with broad and diverse representation from faculty, student, and community stakeholders to work in cooperative partnership with representatives from other components of the UT System to plan for the development of UTK's Cherokee Farm.