Proposed Amendments to the Proposed Changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws
March 9, 2009

A number of proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate were posted at the Senate’s Blackboard web site prior to the Senate’s meeting on February 23, 2009. At that meeting, the proposed changes received their first reading. Since that meeting, a number of suggestions have been posted to the discussion board at the web site. Primarily in response to those suggestions, the Executive Council is asked to approve the following items for consideration by the Senate at the meeting scheduled for March 23, 2009.

Article I, Section 3. (New section) The Faculty Senate in Knoxville represents three distinct campuses: Knoxville (UTK), the Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) and the Space Institute (UTSI). Hereinafter, these are referred to collectively as the Campuses. Unless otherwise specified below, the title of Chief Academic Officer refers to the Chief Academic Officers of the Campuses.

Article II, Section 4. At the end of the section, add the sentence “Once a quorum is achieved at a meeting of the Faculty Senate, it cannot be lost before the meeting is adjourned.”

In what follows, line numbers, section numbers, subsection letters and paragraph numbers are as found in the proposed changes to the Bylaws (not those in the current Bylaws).

Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2. (Page 1 line 28) Change “30 percent” to “40 percent.”

Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2. (Page 1 line 29) At the end of the paragraph, add “Unless otherwise specified below, ex-officio members of committees shall be nonvoting members. Except for the President of the Senate, the term of office for all officers, committee chairs and committee members shall be from August 1 to July 31.”

Article III, Section 2, Subsection B, Paragraph 3. (Page 3, lines 33-34) Change “... in tenure or promotion decisions, annual performance reviews, ...” to “... in retention, tenure or promotion decisions; annual performance reviews; ...”

Article III, Section 2, Subsection G, Paragraph 4. (Page 7, line 42) Change “... agenda and minutes ...” to “... agenda, a summary of substantive actions taken and the minutes ...”

Article III, Section H. (Page 8, line 12) Change “Voting ex-officio members shall include the Dean of the Libraries, ...” to “Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of Libraries, the Executive Associate Dean of Libraries, ...”

Article III, Section 2, Subsection K, Paragraph 3. (Page 12, lines 4-6) Change “The Chair of the Undergraduate Council shall be a faculty member from the Undergraduate Council elected for a two-year term by voting members of the Undergraduate Council.” to “The Chair of the Undergraduate Council shall be a faculty member from the Undergraduate Council, elected to a one-year term, following a one-year term as Vice Chair, by voting members of the Undergraduate Council.”
Article III, Section 2, Subsection K, Paragraph 4. (Page 12, line 14) Change “... agenda and minutes ...” to “... agenda, a summary of substantive actions taken and the minutes ....”

Article III, Section 4. (Page 12, lines 40-43) Change “In the event of a vacancy in the faculty membership of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments or of any committee, the Faculty Senate shall fill such the vacancy by an election at the next regular meeting. The new members shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.” to “In the event of a vacancy in the faculty membership of any committee, the vacancy shall be filled by action of the Executive Council.”
ARTICLE III. Committees.

Section 1. General Aspects of Committees. Committee, subcommittee, and council memberships for a given academic year shall be approved by the Senate at the last Senate meeting of the spring term of the preceding year. Whenever possible, Chairpersons of all committees and councils shall be elected senators. Committee Chairpersons shall be nominated by their committee members or by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments in compliance with Section 2.D. of these Bylaws and the Bylaw subsections in Section 2 for each committee, subcommittee, or council, unless another means of selection is provided in Section 2.

Members shall be nominated in consultation with current committee Chairpersons and through regard for preferences shared by each Senator for personal committee membership. To further communication and collaboration throughout the University, the Chairperson of each committee has the discretion to recommend members who may or may not be elected Senators. Such members’ service on committees is subject to the approval of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments. The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall approve these members when they are recommended. Most committees shall also have ex officio members who will not be voting members. Most committees shall use some form of staggered membership as designated in committee subsections. Senate Committees shall have at least 25 percent new members each year, with at least 30 percent of committee members continuing service from the prior year. The President of the Senate is an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Prior to or at the beginning of each academic year, the Chairperson of each committee will meet with the Executive Council to share committee goals for the upcoming year, review the bylaws concerning duties for that committee, if any, and discuss other information relevant to that committee.

Section 2.

Committee on Nominations and Appointments. Membership shall consist of the chairs of each college or division caucus. Membership shall be for a one-year term to begin in June of each academic year. The President-Elect of the Faculty Senate shall be the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments to nominate faculty members, and in some cases Chairpersons to the Faculty Senate for all special and standing committees, subcommittees, and councils except the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils. The nominations shall be made in compliance with Article III, Sections 1 and 3. The Senate President shall retain responsibility for all nominations of
faculty to administrative committees and other bodies. The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall render a report to the Senate at its regular May meeting of each year and at other times as may be required.

Section 2. Standing and Special Committees. The standing committees of the Faculty Senate are:

A. Executive Committee Council of the Faculty Senate.

(±) Membership shall consist of the Chairpersons of the standing committees of the Senate; the officers of the Senate, including the Immediate Past President; and up to two at-large faculty members, and one administrator who is an elected Senator. The Executive Council will include the elected faculty representative to the University Faculty Council. Ex-officio non-voting members shall include the chief academic officer(s) and the chief officer in charge of business and finance. The Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be the President of the Senate.

The committee Executive Council shall represent the Senate as needed in meetings with the administration and other groups, shall handle necessary business on an emergency and interim basis between Senate meetings (including matters that may arise after the last scheduled Senate meeting in the spring and before the first scheduled Senate meeting in the fall, during which time a quorum will be seven members of the Executive Council including the Senate President) shall recommend and review assignments to other committees, and shall establish ad hoc committees on behalf of itself or as directed by the Senate.

The committee Executive Council shall concern itself with the formulation and review of the long-range and short-range educational policies of the University as represented by the monetary allocations made in the budget.

The committee Executive Council shall not concern itself with individual salaries nor with college or departmental allocations, except as they may relate to the educational policies of the University.

When campus or system administrative appointments are to be filled and where it is appropriate for faculty to be of assistance in the recruitment and screening of candidates, the Executive committee Council will assist in the selection of the faculty members to serve on screening committees and lend its counsel to the development of procedures for recruitment and screening of such candidates.

The committee Executive Council shall annually review these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate for amendments. It shall also review any revisions suggested by members or committees of the Senate. (This latter duty shall in no way prevent members or committees from bringing amendments directly to the Senate for consideration.) It is the responsibility of the President-Elect to make sure that revisions to the bylaws are accurately communicated to the Information Officer.
(2) The Executive Council of the Executive Committee. Membership shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past President, the Secretary, and at least four other members of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be the President of the Senate.

The Executive Council shall prepare annually a Statement of Objectives for the Senate, based on consultations with the Standing Committees and with appropriate administration officers, and shall present the Statement of Objectives for review and approval by the Executive Committee and the Senate at their first meetings in the Fall. Any activities of the Executive Council shall be reported to the Executive Committee and the Senate at the earliest scheduled opportunity.

B. Appeals Committee. Membership shall consist of at least 18 tenured faculty members appointed to staggered three-year terms by the Faculty Senate Committee on Nominations and Appointments with the advice and consent of the Faculty Senate. At least one member of the committee must have legal expertise. This committee shall have no ex-officio members, and no member shall be an administrator at or above the level of department head or above. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

The function of the Faculty Senate Appeals Committee is to gather evidence and make recommendations to the chief academic officer of the University for the disposition of cases within its jurisdiction. The Faculty Senate Appeals Committee does not replace the role of faculty and administrators in making employment-related decisions. Instead, it is guided by the aim of maximizing the protection of the principles of academic freedom and due process. In all cases, faculty members are entitled to notice regarding grounds on which administrative action has been taken. All matters before the Faculty Senate Appeals Committee are kept in strict confidence, subject to state open records laws.

The jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate Appeals Committee includes complaints regarding violations of due process and fairness in tenure or promotion decisions, annual performance reviews, and violations of provisions contained in the Faculty Handbook, the Manual for Faculty Evaluation, and in collegiate and departmental bylaws.

C. Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee. Benefits and Professional Development Committee. Membership shall consist of ten faculty members, and the Chairperson of the Benefits and Professional Development Committee shall invite appropriate campus administrators to attend meetings as needed, with three-year staggered terms. Ex-officio members shall include the University Treasurer, Director, Office of Retirement Services, and the Executive Director of Human Resources for the University (or their designees). The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments, and should have been an active member of the committee prior to serving as Chairperson.

This committee will examine, clarify, and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate on
issues and concern on retirement, leave, faculty welfare, insurance, and fringe benefits; cooperate with committees addressing similar concerns on other higher education campuses in Tennessee; receive representation from and provide representation to any other Faculty Senate or University task force or committee addressing issues directly related to faculty and staff benefits. Duties of the Benefits and Professional Development Committee shall include (1) suggesting administrative actions that would permit and encourage professional development and monitoring and evaluating the resulting actions and programs; (2) initiating activities to facilitate the development of faculty members as professionals and monitoring and evaluating these activities and resulting programs; (3) developing a policy of professional leave (sabbatical leave) and monitoring the resulting program; (4) enhancing and expanding international teaching and research opportunities for faculty and strengthening opportunities for participation of scholars and artists from outside the U. S.; (5) examining, clarifying, and making recommendations to the Senate on issues and concern on retirement, leave, faculty welfare, insurance, and fringe benefits; cooperate with committees addressing similar concerns on other higher education campuses in Tennessee; (6) receiving representation from and provide representation to any other Faculty Senate or University task force or committee addressing issues directly related to faculty and staff benefits. When appropriate, the Benefits and Professional Development Committee will cooperate with other Faculty Senate committees on base salary and other issues that are related to faculty and staff benefits.

B. Athletics Committee. Membership shall consist of twelve faculty members appointed to two-year staggered terms. Ex-officio members shall include the chief campus administrative officer charged with academic affairs (or designee), the Director of Athletics, the Director of Women’s Athletics, the faculty chairperson of the UT Athletics Board, the Director of Student Recreation, two student athletes appointed by the Athletics Department, and two students elected by the Student Senate. The Committee will also include the following non-voting ex-officio members: the Director of the Thornton Advising Center, the Associate Director of Women’s Athletics Compliance, the Associate Director of Men’s Athletics Compliance. The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson of the Athletics Committee for a one-year term.

This committee shall concern itself with academic aspects of intercollegiate athletics as well as the intramural athletics program. It may also concern itself with any other athletics matters which the committee deems appropriate and which lie within the purview of the Faculty Senate.

D. Budget and Planning Committee. Membership shall consist of at least ten faculty members appointed to two-year staggered terms. Ex-officio members shall include the chief financial officer for the campus. The committee shall elect the Chairperson for a one-year term at the last meeting of the Spring semester.

The duties of the Budget and Planning Committee are: (1) to provide for campus-wide faculty input into the University budgeting process; (2) work with the UT System Relations Committee to monitor the UT system budget including the Athletics Department; (3) to encourage the use of faculty expertise in budget matters; (4) to inform the faculty,
through the Senate, concerning budget matters. Both long-range and short-term aspects of
its role will receive the committee’s attention, including budget priorities, THEC form-
ulas, and planning for projects of the University or other entities that may eventually result
in changes to campus facilities.

The primary concerns of the Budget and Planning Committee will be policy and
communication. The Budget and Planning Committee is not expected to become involved
in detail with, nor engaged in, comprehensive investigations necessary as a basis for
budget decisions.

E. Committee on Nominations and Appointments. Membership shall consist of the
chairs of each college or division caucus and the Senate President-Elect. Membership
shall be for a one-year term to begin in June of each academic year. The Senate Presi-
dent-Elect of the Faculty Senate shall be the Chairperson of the Committee on Nomina-
tions and Appointments.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments to nominate
faculty members and in some cases Chairpersons of all standing and special committees,
subcommittees, and councils of the Senate, except that the Chairpersons of the Executive
Council, this Committee on Nominations and Appointments, and the Undergraduate and
Graduate Councils shall be nominated as set forth in this Section 2. The Senate President
shall retain responsibility for all nominations of faculty to administrative committees and
other bodies. The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall render a report to
the Senate at its regular May meeting of each year and at other times as may be required.

This Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall also recruit two nominees for
Faculty Senate President-Elect and two nominees for the campus representative to the
University Faculty Council.

D. Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

(1) Membership shall consist of the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the
Senate; the officers of the Senate, including the Immediate Past President; and up to two
at-large faculty members, and one administrator who is an elected Senator. Ex officio
members shall include the Chief Academic Officer and the chief officer in charge of
business and finance. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the President
of the Senate.

The committee shall represent the Senate as needed in meetings with the administration
and other groups, shall handle necessary business on an emergency and interim basis be-
tween Senate meetings, shall recommend and review assignments to other committees,
and shall establish ad hoc committees on behalf of itself or as directed by the Senate.

The committee shall concern itself with the formulation and review of the long and short
range educational policies of the University as represented by the monetary allocations
made in the budget.
The committee shall not concern itself with individual salaries nor with college or departmental allocations, except as they may relate to the aforementioned educational policy decisions.

When campus or system administrative appointments are to be filled and where it is appropriate for faculty to be of assistance in the recruitment and screening of candidates, the Executive committee will assist in the selection of the faculty members of such screening committees and lend its counsel to the development of procedures for recruitment and screening of such candidates.

The committee shall annually review the Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate for amendments. It shall also review any revisions suggested by members or committees of the Senate. (This latter duty shall in no way prevent members or committees from bringing amendments directly to the Senate for consideration.) It is the responsibility of the President-Elect to make sure that revisions to the bylaws are accurately communicated to the Information Officer.

(2) The Executive Council of the Executive Committee. Membership shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past President, the Secretary, and at least four other members of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of the Executive Council shall be the President of the Senate.

The Executive Council shall be empowered to represent the Senate in all urgent matters that may arise after the last scheduled Senate meeting in the spring and before the first scheduled Senate meeting in the fall. The Executive Council shall prepare annually a Statement of Objectives for the Senate, based on consultations with the Standing Committees and with appropriate administration officers, and shall present the Statement of Objectives for review and approval by the Executive Committee and the Senate at their first meetings in the Fall. Any activities of the Executive Council shall be reported to the Executive Committee and the Senate at the earliest scheduled opportunity.

F. Faculty Affairs Committee. Membership shall consist of nine faculty members, none of whom shall be an administrator at or above the level of department head, with three-year staggered terms. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

This Faculty Affairs Committee shall concern itself with the adoption and amendment of faculty governance policies and rules, including the development and refinement of criteria and procedures for faculty appointment, promotion, retention, evaluation, the granting of tenure, retirement, and discharge for cause. It will check college, school, and department bylaws for compliance with the Faculty Handbook. The Faculty Affairs Committee is responsible for reviewing proposed revisions and recommending changes to the Faculty Handbook following review provisions as in accordance with the amendments procedures set forth in the Faculty Handbook, and for reviewing proposed revisions and recommending changes to the Manual for Faculty Evaluation in accordance with the amendments procedures set forth in the Manual for Faculty Evaluation. The activities of
the Faculty Affairs Committee shall be conducted at all times in a manner consistent with
the Trustees’ Policies Governing Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure, as the
same may be amended from time to time, and shall be guided by faculty governance best
practices in higher education, including especially those identified and promoted by the
American Association of University Professors.

G. Graduate Council. Membership shall consist of faculty representatives chosen for
three-year terms from the schools and colleges of the University engaged in graduate
work, and two graduate students appointed by the Graduate Student Senate. Members
shall be chosen in the spring term for terms to commence at the start of the next fall term.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the schools and colleges according to the
number of graduate students enrolled in the college or school in the previous fall term,
using the following table:

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Representatives must regularly teach graduate courses or supervise graduate study and
must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant
professor or higher and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time
teaching, research, service or departmental administration. Ex-officio, non-voting members
(without vote) shall be the Dean of Libraries, the Dean of Outreach and Continuing
Education, the Director of the Center for International Education, and the Chair of the
Research Council, or their respective designees. In addition, the administrative officer
having primary responsibility for graduate curriculum in each college or school shall
serve as ex-officio, non-voting member (without vote) of the Graduate Council if that
person is not a college or school representative. The Chairperson of the Graduate Council
shall be a faculty member from the Graduate Council elected for a two-year term by vot-
ing members of the Graduate Council. The election of the Chair will take place at the last
meeting of the Spring semester—\(t\) is a faculty member from the Council who serves for a
one-year term, following a one-year term as Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect.

The Graduate Council shall report its actions to the Executive Committee of the Faculty
Senate. The agenda and minutes of the Graduate Council meetings will be distributed
electronically to all senators at least five business days prior to the next senate meeting.
Implementation follows approval of the changes at that meeting. Any curricular change
may be reopened for review and its implementation delayed at the will of the Executive
Committee, or the full Senate.
H. Library and Information Technology Committee. Membership shall consist of six

ten faculty members representing broad interests with experience in library policies, edu-
cational and/or information technology and research that are appointed to three-year
staggered terms by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments. One undergradu-
ate student member may be selected by the Student Government Association, and one
graduate student member may be selected by the Graduate Student Senate. The Chairper-
son shall be elected by the members of the committee and shall serve a two-year term.
The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appoin-
tments.

Voting ex-officio members shall include the Dean of the Libraries, (or designees), the
chief information officer of the Office of Information Technology, the chief information
officer for the Knoxville campus, and the director of the Innovative Technology Center.
Non-voting ex-officio members shall include other leaders of the Office of Information
Technology, specifically the executives responsible for engineering services, and cus-
tomer technology support, and also a representative of University outreach distance edu-
cation.

Duties of the Library and Information Technology Committee include: (1) identifying,
reviewing, and recommending information technology policies, (2) representing the Se-
ate on key university committees that address information technology, and (3) reporting
to the Senate on key information technology issues and developments that affect the
campus, and (4) ensuring that library services and collections meet the teaching, research,
and public service needs of the University community with particular focus on library
policies and procedures that facilitate use of resources.

I. Library Committee. Membership shall consist of one faculty representative from each
college or school, except in the case of Arts and Sciences that shall be represented by
three faculty members, one from each of the major divisions of the college. One student
representative may be selected by the Graduate Student Senate and one by the
Undergraduate Academic Council. Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of
Libraries and the Associate Dean of Libraries (or designees). The Committee on
Nominations and Appointments shall select the Chairperson.

The Committee’s duties include working with the Dean of Libraries to ensure that library
services and collections meet the teaching, research, and public service needs of the
University community. Particular focus shall be placed on library policies and procedures
that facilitate use of resources.

J. Nominating Committee. Membership shall consist of five members of the Senate who
serve a one-year term and are appointed by the Committee on Nominations and
Appointments. None of the members shall be a member of the Committee on
Nominations and Appointments. No ex-officio members will be appointed. The
Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson. This
committee shall nominate two candidates for the President-Elect. The committee shall
solicit nominations from the University Faculty at large and shall prepare a ballot that includes biographical information on all candidates.

This committee shall nominate two candidates for position of faculty representative to the University Faculty Council. The committee shall solicit nominations for the University Faculty Council from the University Faculty at large and shall prepare a ballot that includes biographical information on all candidates. Elections shall be held every third academic year in the spring.

K. Professional Development Committee. The membership of the Committee shall consist of a minimum of nine faculty members serving one year terms and representing the diversity of programs on the campus. Ex-officio members shall be the chief campus academic officer with primary responsibility for academic affairs and the chief campus academic officer with primary responsibility for graduate education (or their designees). The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson.

Duties of the committee shall include (1) suggesting administrative actions that would permit and encourage professional development; monitoring and evaluating the resulting actions and programs; (2) initiating activities to facilitate the development of faculty members as professionals; monitoring and evaluating these activities and resulting programs; (3) developing a policy of professional leave (sabbatical leave) and monitoring the resulting program; (4) enhancing and expanding international teaching and research opportunities for faculty, and strengthening opportunities for participation of scholars and artists from outside the U. S.

I. Research Council. Membership shall consist of no fewer than 15 appointed faculty or faculty/administrator representatives chosen by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments for staggered three-year terms. In addition, there shall be three graduate students selected by the Graduate Student Senate. Ex-officio members shall include the chief academic officer responsible for research, the Associate Vice President of the Office of Research, the Dean of Libraries and college-level administrators with responsibility for research (or their designees). The composition of the Research Council shall reflect balance among externally funded and institutionally supported research, between research and other creative activity, and between disciplines. Members must be actively engaged in research or other creative activity and must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration. Ex-officio members shall be the Dean of Libraries and up to two additional designees. The Council members shall elect the Chairperson for a one-year term. The Chairperson must have served at least one year on the Research Council prior to election appointment by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments. The members of the Research Council may elect co- or vice Chairpersons.

The Research Council acts as an advisory body to the chief university officer for research. The Research Council shall promote excellence in research and other creative activity through the study and recommendation of policies. The Research Council shall
sponsor programs to communicate an understanding and appreciation of research and other creative activity to the University community and the community at large. The Research Council co-administers some programs of the Office of Research as requested by the chief university officer for research. Areas of concern include research incentives and support, intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary research activities, compliance with State, federal and University regulations governing the conduct of research, rights to and commercialization of intellectual property, the broad range of research infrastructure including all forms of telecommunications and computational support, and other appropriate matters. Further, the Research Council shall concern itself with the institutional policy on research grants and funding, with copyright and patent policy, with protection of investigators, with the protection of human subjects of research, with the protection of experimental animals, and with policies affecting compliance of research activities with environmental and occupational health and safety requirements. Further, the Research Council shall encourage publications and the development of specialized research facilities for intercollegiate and/or interdisciplinary uses and with any other policies pertaining to research programs. The Research Council shall also encourage the advertisement of research successes of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville researchers. When appropriate, the Research Council shall report its actions for approval to the Faculty Senate.

M. Student Concerns Committee. Membership shall consist of four faculty members, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, a representative from the Dean of Students’ Office, President of the Student Government Association, Vice President of the Student Government Association, Director of Student Services, President of the Faculty Senate, President Elect of the Faculty Senate, and President of the Graduate Student Senate. The chairperson shall be a faculty member appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

This committee shall serve as a liaison between the Faculty Senate and student government organizations. It shall make recommendations to the Faculty Senate on matters of mutual concern.

J. Teaching and Learning Council. Membership shall consist of fifteen faculty members nominated to the Senate by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments, as well as three graduate students selected by the Graduate Student Senate in consultation with the Chairperson of the Teaching and Learning Council and three undergraduate students selected by the Student Government Association, and/or the Director of the Honors Program, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Teaching and Learning Council. The faculty members should have currently active teaching/advising responsibilities. Members shall serve for three year staggered terms with 1/3 of the terms expiring each year. All colleges offering instruction at the graduate or undergraduate level will have at least one representative. Attempts will be made to distribute the other representatives among the colleges of the university. Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School and the Director of the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center, the coordinator of SAIS and the Director of the Student Success Center. The Teaching Council shall elect the Chairperson for a one-year term at the last meeting of the spring semester; the Chairperson takes of-
The Teaching and Learning Council is a committee of the Faculty Senate that works to advance excellence in teaching and academic advising at UTK. Areas of concern for the Teaching and Learning Council include incentives for recognizing quality instruction and advising, methods for improving instruction at a campus and departmental level, guidelines for routine and disciplinary evaluation of teaching, academic advising, and curriculum. For example, the Teaching and Learning Council examines policy issues related to teaching on the UTK campus and works with the chief academic officer to recognize excellence in teaching and advising. The Teaching and Learning Council works with the Center for Undergraduate Excellence Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center to run a yearly campus-wide program that involves faculty and staff in addressing issues central to improving instruction and advising. The Teaching and Learning Council works with both the Graduate School and the Center for Undergraduate Excellence Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center to develop practical means of improving and rewarding instruction and advising on campus.

K. Undergraduate Council. Voting membership shall consist of representatives chosen for three-year terms from the schools and colleges of the University granting baccalaureate degrees, one member of the ROTC faculty, and four students designated by the Undergraduate Academic Council. Members shall be chosen in the spring term for terms to commence at the start of the next fall term. Representatives shall be apportioned among the baccalaureate degree-granting units according to the number of degrees granted during the prior academic year, using the following table:

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In the College of Arts and Sciences, representatives shall be apportioned among the Divisions of Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences. Members must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service or departmental administration. Ex-officio, non-voting members (without vote) shall be the Dean of Admissions and Records, the Dean of Outreach and Continuing Education, the Dean of Libraries, the Director of the Center for International Education, the Director of the Chancellor’s Honors Program and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Advising (or their designees). In addition, the administrative officer
having primary responsibility for undergraduate curriculum in each college or school
shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member (without vote) of the Undergraduate
Council if that
person is not a college or school representative. The Chair of the Undergraduate Council
shall be a faculty member from the Undergraduate Council elected for a two-year term by
voting members of the Undergraduate Council. The election of the Chair will take place
at the last meeting of the Spring semester.

The Undergraduate Council shall concern itself with standards for admission, retention,
and graduation; with curricular matters in the undergraduate programs; with the
development of interdisciplinary programs; with the approval of new programs and any
other matters of educational policy pertaining to undergraduate programs. The Under-
graduate Council shall report its actions for approval to the Executive Committee Council
of the Faculty Senate. The agenda and minutes of the Undergraduate Council meetings
will be distributed electronically to all senators at least five business days prior to the
next senate meeting. Implementation follows approval of the changes at that meeting.
Any curricular change may be reopened for review and its implementation delayed at the
will of the Executive Council or the full Senate.

L. University/System Relations Committee. Membership shall consist of at least eight
faculty members including the elected campus representative to the University Faculty
Council and the Faculty NCAA Representative. During years when the campus has a fac-
ulty representative on the UT Board of Trustees, that person will also serve on the Uni-
versity/System Relations Committee. The Chairperson shall be a faculty member.

The University/System Relations Committee will provide for faculty input (a) into activi-
ties of The University of Tennessee system, including Athletics, Research, ORNL, In-
formation Technology, the Cherokee Campus and (b) with the Board of Trustees and the
Tennessee legislature. The University/System Relations Committee shall work with the
Budget and Planning Committee to monitor The University of Tennessee system budget
and Athletics Department budget.

Section 3. Other Committees. The Senate shall have such other committees, standing
and special, as it may establish may be established from time to time. The members of all
committees shall hold office for one year from the time of their appointment, unless oth-
wise specified. Membership of these committees may include any faculty (unless mem-
bership is restricted to Senators are designated only), as well as students and staff. The
President of the Senate is an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

Section 4. Committee Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the faculty membership of
the Committee on Nominations and Appointments or of any committee, the Faculty Sen-
ate shall fill such the vacancy by an election at the next regular meeting. The new mem-
bers shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

Section 5. Committee Reports. Each standing or special committee shall submit a writ-
ten report to the Senate at least once during the academic year.
Faculty Senate Resolution on Action in Response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Proposed 2009 and 2010 Budget Opportunities

Whereas the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates a total of $787 B toward stimulating the national economy and,

Whereas, allocations are as follows: Infrastructure and Science ($111 B, including Federal Research and Development in the amount of $21.5 B), Social Services ($81 B), Health Care ($59 B), Education ($53 B), Energy ($43 B), and Other ($8 B), and

Whereas Federal departments affected include USDA, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, HHS, NIST, NSF which all house allocations for scholarly, practice-related and scientific endeavors for which the University of Tennessee is ably situated to respond, and

Whereas to carry out these projects funds are also available for building of facilities to update and to develop new physical spaces and other structures and equipment needed for this scientific growth, and

Whereas Grants and Agreements Awards that will made available in this context will entail some expedited deadlines, modification as compared to existing research funding, and changes in eligibilities and accountabilities, and

Whereas the Federal Science and Technology outlook (Omnibus Fiscal Year 2009) includes selective increases in Commerce, Justice and Science (NASA, NSF, NIST and NOAA), Energy and Water (DOE), Interior (USGS, NEH, NEA), Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS, Work Study, Perkins, TRIO) Appropriations and Cross-Cuts Appropriations for Global Climate Change Research (NASA, NOAA, NSF), and

Whereas the Proposed Fiscal Year Budget 2010 (issued Feb. 26, 2009) contains plans for increases in appropriations for non-defense discretionary funding like such as cancer research, global climate change research, targeted funding for basic, exploratory and high-risk projects, and other increases for NIH, NSF, NASA, DOE, and DoEd, and

Whereas the University of Tennessee administration, students and faculty will only have a short window, beginning in April, 2009 through early 2010 to apply for these highly competitive resources to develop current and new programs of research, scholarship and creative activity, and,

Whereas mechanisms, resources, personnel, policies and institutional structures at the University of Tennessee are integral to obtaining and sustaining efforts toward economic recovery and knowledge development outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and planned budget appropriations for the fiscal years of 2009 and 2010, and
Whereas a portion of these projects is allocated for building of facilities to update and to develop new physical spaces and other structures and equipment needed for this scientific growth, and

Whereas current proposals, highly ranked proposals that were unfunded, as well as new proposals meeting upcoming requests for applications will be prioritized for funding, and

Whereas scientists/scholars need more administrative support and infrastructure than are currently available to meet expedited deadlines, and

Whereas the University of Tennessee, including administration, faculty and students, as well as the people of the State of Tennessee will benefit from these federal investments in research and research infrastructure, as well as the associated outcomes, and

Whereas in order to compete effectively for the above-mentioned and related new resources, the administration and faculty need to reconceptualize, innovate, envision, and collaborate in new ways,

Therefore be it resolved that all members and offices of the university are strongly urged to prioritize this opportunity and work together to provide the effort and all necessary support required for the University of Tennessee Knoxville faculty to be particularly successful in preparing proposals for this one-time funding of research, scholarship and creative activity.