

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."

1 **PROPOSED FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS CHANGES**

2 **DRAFT: February 15, 2009**

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4 ~~Proposed Text to be Deleted~~

5 Proposed New Text

6
7 **ARTICLE III. Committees.**

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9 **Section 1. General Aspects of Committees.** Committee, ~~subcommittee~~, and council
10 memberships for a given academic year shall be approved by the Senate at the last Senate
11 meeting of the spring term of the preceding year. Whenever possible, Chairpersons of all
12 committees and councils shall be elected senators. Committee Chairpersons shall be
13 nominated by their committee members ~~or~~ by the Committee on Nominations and Ap-
14 pointments in compliance with Section 2.D. of these Bylaws and the Bylaw subsections
15 in Section 2 for each committee, ~~subcommittee~~, or council, unless another means of se-
16 lection is provided in Section 2.

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

30
31 Prior to or at the beginning of each academic year, the Chairperson of each committee
32 will meet with the Executive Council to share committee goals for the upcoming year,
33 review the bylaws concerning duties for that committee, if any, and discuss other infor-
34 mation relevant to that committee.

35
36 **Section 2.**

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

41
42 ~~It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments to nominate~~
43 ~~faculty members, and in some cases Chairpersons to the Faculty Senate for all special~~
44 ~~and standing committees, subcommittees, and councils except the Undergraduate and~~
45 ~~Graduate Councils. The nominations shall be made in compliance with Article III,~~
46 ~~Sections 1 and 3. The Senate President shall retain responsibility for all nominations of~~

1 ~~faculty to administrative committees and other bodies. The Committee on Nominations~~
 2 ~~and Appointments shall render a report to the Senate at its regular May meeting of each~~
 3 ~~year and at other times as may be required.~~

4
 5 **Section 2. Standing and Special Committees.** The standing committees of the Faculty
 6 Senate are:

7
 8 **A. Executive ~~Committee~~ Council of the Faculty Senate.**

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

17
 18 ~~The committee~~ Executive Council shall represent the Senate as needed in meetings with
 19 the administration and other groups, shall handle necessary business on an emergency
 20 and interim basis between Senate meetings (including matters that may arise after the last
 21 scheduled Senate meeting in the spring and before the first scheduled Senate meeting in
 22 the fall, during which time a quorum will be seven members of the Executive Council
 23 including the Senate President shall recommend and review assignments to other com-
 24 mittees, and shall establish ad hoc committees on behalf of itself or as directed by the
 25 Senate.

26
 27 ~~The committee~~ Executive Council shall concern itself with the formulation and review of
 28 the long-range and short-range educational policies of the University as represented by
 29 the monetary allocations made in the budget.

30
 31 ~~The committee~~ Executive Council shall not concern itself with individual salaries nor
 32 with college or departmental allocations, except as they may relate to the educational
 33 policies of the University.

34
 35 When campus or system administrative appointments are to be filled and where it is
 36 appropriate for faculty to be of assistance in the recruitment and screening of candidates,
 37 the Executive ~~committee~~ Council will assist in the selection of the faculty members to
 38 serve on screening committees and lend its counsel to the development of procedures for
 39 recruitment and screening of such candidates.

40
 41 ~~The committee~~ Executive Council shall annually review these Bylaws and make appro-
 42 priate recommendations to the Senate for amendments. It shall also review any revisions
 43 suggested by members or committees of the Senate. (This latter duty shall in no way pre-
 44 vent members or committees from bringing amendments directly to the Senate for con-
 45 sideration.) It is the responsibility of the President-Elect to make sure that revisions to the
 46 bylaws are accurately ~~communicated to the Information Officer.~~ updated on the Faculty

1 Senate website.

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

7
8 ~~The Executive Council shall prepare annually a Statement of Objectives for the Senate,~~
9 ~~based on consultations with the Standing Committees and with appropriate administration~~
10 ~~officers, and shall present the Statement of Objectives for review and approval by the Ex-~~
11 ~~ecutive Committee and the Senate at their first meetings in the Fall. Any activities of the~~
12 ~~Executive Council shall be reported to the Executive Committee and the Senate at the~~
13 ~~earliest scheduled opportunity.~~

14
15 **B. Appeals Committee.** Membership shall consist of at least 18 tenured faculty members
16 ~~appointed to staggered three-year terms~~ by the Faculty Senate Committee on Nomina-
17 ~~tions and Appointments with the advice and consent of the Faculty Senate.~~ At least one
18 member of the committee must have legal expertise. This committee shall have no ex-
19 officio members, and no member shall be an administrator at or above the level of
20 department head ~~or above~~. ~~The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate~~
21 ~~Committee on Nominations and Appointments.~~

22
23 ~~The function of the Faculty Senate Appeals Committee is to gather evidence and make~~
24 ~~recommendations to the chief academic officer of the University for the disposition of~~
25 ~~cases within its jurisdiction. The Faculty Senate Appeals Committee does not replace the~~
26 ~~role of faculty and administrators in making employment-related decisions. Instead, it is~~
27 ~~guided by the aim of maximizing the protection of the principles of academic freedom~~
28 ~~and due process. In all cases, faculty members are entitled to notice regarding grounds on~~
29 ~~which administrative action has been taken. All matters before the Faculty Senate Ap-~~
30 ~~peals Committee are kept in strict confidence, subject to state open records laws.~~

31
32 ~~The jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate Appeals Committee includes complaints regarding~~
33 ~~violations of due process and fairness in tenure or promotion decisions, annual~~
34 ~~performance reviews, and violations of provisions contained in the *Faculty Handbook*,~~
35 ~~the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation*, and in collegiate and departmental bylaws.~~

36
37 ~~C. Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee.~~ **Benefits and Professional Development**
38 **Committee.** Membership shall consist of ten faculty members, and the Chairperson of
39 the Benefits and Professional Development Committee shall invite appropriate campus
40 administrators to attend meetings as needed. ~~with three-year staggered terms. Ex-officio~~
41 ~~members shall include the University Treasurer, Director, Office of Retirement Services,~~
42 ~~and the Executive Director of Human Resources for the University (or their designees).~~
43 ~~The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appoint-~~
44 ~~ments and should have been an active member of the committee prior to serving as~~
45 ~~Chairperson.~~

46
47 This committee will examine, clarify, and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate on

1 issues and concern on retirement, leave, faculty welfare, insurance, and fringe benefits; coop-
 2 erate with committees addressing similar concerns on other higher education campuses in
 3 Tennessee; receive representation from and provide representation to any other Faculty Sen-
 4 ate or University task force or committee addressing issues directly related to faculty and
 5 staff benefits. Duties of the Benefits and Professional Development Committee shall in-
 6 clude (1) suggesting administrative actions that would permit and encourage professional
 7 development and monitoring and evaluating the resulting actions and programs; (2) initi-
 8 ating activities to facilitate the development of faculty members as professionals and
 9 monitoring and evaluating these activities and resulting programs; (3) developing a pol-
 10 icy of professional leave (sabbatical leave) and monitoring the resulting program; (4) en-
 11 hancing and expanding international teaching and research opportunities for faculty and
 12 strengthening opportunities for participation of scholars and artists from outside the U. S.;
 13 (5) examining, clarifying, and making recommendations to the Senate on issues and con-
 14 cern on retirement, leave, faculty welfare, insurance, and fringe benefits; cooperate with
 15 committees addressing similar concerns on other higher education campuses in Tennes-
 16 see; (6) receiving representation from and provide representation to any other Faculty
 17 Senate or University task force or committee addressing issues directly related to faculty
 18 and staff benefits. When appropriate, the Benefits and Professional Development Com-
 19 mittee will cooperate with other Faculty-Senate committees on base salary and other is-
 20 ssues that are related to faculty and staff benefits.

21
 22 **B. Athletics Committee.** ~~Membership shall consist of twelve faculty members appointed~~
 23 ~~to two year staggered terms. Ex officio members shall include the chief campus~~
 24 ~~administrative officer charged with academic affairs (or designee), the Director of~~
 25 ~~Athletics, the Director of Women's Athletics, the faculty chairperson of the UT Athletics~~
 26 ~~Board, the Director of Student Recreation, two student athletes appointed by the Athletics~~
 27 ~~Department, and two students elected by the Student Senate. The Committee will also~~
 28 ~~include the following non-voting ex-officio members: the Director of the Thornton Ad-~~
 29 ~~vising Center, the Associate Director of Women's Athletics Compliance, the~~
 30 ~~Associate Director of Men's Athletics Compliance. The Committee on Nominations and~~
 31 ~~Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson of the Athletics Committee for a one-year~~
 32 ~~term.~~

33
 34 ~~This committee shall concern itself with academic aspects of intercollegiate athletics as~~
 35 ~~well as the intramural athletics program. It may also concern itself with any other~~
 36 ~~athletics matters which the committee deems appropriate and which lie within the~~
 37 ~~purview of the Faculty Senate.~~

38
 39 **D. Budget and Planning Committee.** Membership shall consist of at least ten faculty
 40 members appointed to two-year staggered terms. Ex-officio members shall include the
 41 chief financial officer for the campus. ~~The committee shall elect the Chairperson for a~~
 42 ~~one-year term at the last meeting of the Spring semester.~~

43
 44 The duties of the Budget and Planning Committee are: (1) to provide for campus-wide
 45 faculty input into the University budgeting process; (2) work with the UT System Rela-
 46 tions Committee to monitor the UT system budget including the Athletics Department;
 47 (3) to encourage the use of faculty expertise in budget matters; (4) to inform the faculty,

1 through the Senate, concerning budget matters. Both long-range and short-term aspects of
 2 its role will receive the committee's attention, including budget priorities, THEC formu-
 3 las, and planning for projects of the University or other entities that may eventually result
 4 in changes to campus facilities.

5
 6 The primary concerns of the Budget and Planning Committee ~~will be~~ are policy and
 7 communication. The Budget and Planning Committee is not expected to become involved
 8 ~~in detail with, nor engaged in,~~ comprehensive investigations necessary as a basis for
 9 budget decisions.

10
 11 **E. Committee on Nominations and Appointments.** Membership shall consist of the
 12 chairs of each college or division caucus and the Senate President-Elect. Membership
 13 shall be for a one-year term to begin in June of each academic year. The Senate Presi-
 14 dent-Elect of the Faculty Senate shall be the Chairperson of the Committee on Nomina-
 15 tions and Appointments.

16
 17 It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations and Appointments to nominate
 18 faculty members and ~~in some cases~~ Chairpersons of all standing and special committees,
 19 ~~subcommittees,~~ and councils of the Senate, except that the Chairpersons of the Executive
 20 Council, this Committee on Nominations and Appointments, and the Undergraduate and
 21 Graduate Councils shall be nominated as set forth in this Section 2. The Senate President
 22 shall retain responsibility for all nominations of faculty to administrative committees and
 23 other bodies. The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall render a report to
 24 the Senate at its regular May meeting of each year and at other times as may be required.

25
 26 This Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall also recruit two nominees for
 27 Faculty Senate President-Elect and two nominees for the campus representative to the
 28 University Faculty Council.

29
 30 **~~D. Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.~~**

31
 32 ~~(1) Membership shall consist of the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the~~
 33 ~~Senate; the officers of the Senate, including the Immediate Past President; and up to two~~
 34 ~~at large faculty members, and one administrator who is an elected Senator. Ex officio~~
 35 ~~members shall include the Chief Academic Officer and the chief officer in charge of~~
 36 ~~business and finance. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the President~~
 37 ~~of the Senate.~~

38
 39 ~~The committee shall represent the Senate as needed in meetings with the administration~~
 40 ~~and other groups, shall handle necessary business on an emergency and interim basis be-~~
 41 ~~tween Senate meetings, shall recommend and review assignments to other committees,~~
 42 ~~and shall establish ad hoc committees on behalf of itself or as directed by the Senate.~~

43
 44 ~~The committee shall concern itself with the formulation and review of the long and short~~
 45 ~~range educational policies of the University as represented by the monetary allocations~~
 46 ~~made in the budget.~~

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2 ~~The committee shall not concern itself with individual salaries nor with college or~~
3 ~~departmental allocations, except as they may relate to the aforementioned educational~~
4 ~~policy decisions.~~

5
6 ~~When campus or system administrative appointments are to be filled and where it is~~
7 ~~appropriate for faculty to be of assistance in the recruitment and screening of candidates,~~
8 ~~the Executive committee will assist in the selection of the faculty members of such~~
9 ~~screening committees and lend its counsel to the development of procedures for~~
10 ~~recruitment and screening of such candidates.~~

11
12 ~~The committee shall annually review the Bylaws and make appropriate~~
13 ~~recommendations to the Senate for amendments. It shall also review any revisions~~
14 ~~suggested by members or committees of the Senate. (This latter duty shall in no way~~
15 ~~prevent members or committees from bringing amendments directly to the Senate for~~
16 ~~consideration.) It is the responsibility of the President-Elect to make sure that revisions to~~
17 ~~the bylaws are accurately communicated to the Information Officer.~~

18
19 ~~(2) The Executive Council of the Executive Committee. Membership shall consist of the~~
20 ~~President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past President, the Secretary, and at least~~
21 ~~four other members of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of the Executive~~
22 ~~Council shall be the President of the Senate.~~

23
24 ~~The Executive Council shall be empowered to represent the Senate in all urgent matters~~
25 ~~that may arise after the last scheduled Senate meeting in the spring and before the first~~
26 ~~scheduled Senate meeting in the fall. The Executive Council shall prepare annually a~~
27 ~~Statement of Objectives for the Senate, based on consultations with the Standing Com-~~
28 ~~mittees and with appropriate administration officers, and shall present the Statement of~~
29 ~~Objectives for review and approval by the Executive Committee and the Senate at their~~
30 ~~first meetings in the Fall. Any activities of the Executive Council shall be reported to the~~
31 ~~Executive Committee and the Senate at the earliest scheduled opportunity.~~

32
33 **F. Faculty Affairs Committee.** Membership shall consist of nine faculty members, none
34 of whom shall be an administrator at or above the level of department head. ~~with three-~~
35 ~~year staggered terms. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nomina-~~
36 ~~tions and Appointments.~~

37
38 This Faculty Affairs Committee shall concern itself with the adoption and amendment of
39 faculty governance policies and rules, including the development and refinement of crite-
40 ria and procedures for faculty appointment, promotion, retention, evaluation, the granting
41 of tenure, retirement, and discharge for cause. It will check college, school, and depart-
42 ment bylaws for compliance with the *Faculty Handbook*. The Faculty Affairs Committee
43 is responsible for reviewing proposed revisions and recommending changes to the *Fac-*
44 ulty Handbook following review provisions as in accordance with the amendments pro-
45 cedures set forth in the *Faculty Handbook*, and for reviewing proposed revisions and rec-
46 ommending changes to the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* in accordance with the
47 amendments procedures set forth in the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation*. The activities of

1 the Faculty Affairs Committee shall be conducted at all times in a manner consistent with
 2 the Trustees' Policies Governing Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure, as the
 3 same may be amended from time to time, and shall be guided by faculty governance best
 4 practices in higher education, including especially those identified and promoted by the
 5 American Association of University Professors.

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

11
 12 Representatives shall be apportioned among the schools and colleges according to the
 13 number of graduate students enrolled in the college or school in the previous fall term,
 14 using the following table:

15 Graduate Students Representatives	16 Total Graduate Council
17 1 – 300	1
18 301 – 500	2
19 501 – 700	3
20 701 – 900	4
21 901 – 1100	5
22 1101 – 1300	6
23 1301 – 1500	7
24 1501 – 1700	8

25
 26 Representatives must regularly teach graduate courses or supervise graduate study and
 27 must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant
 28 professor or higher and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time
 29 teaching, research, service or departmental administration. Ex-officio, non-voting mem-
 30 bers (~~without vote~~) shall be the Dean of Libraries, the Dean of Outreach and Continuing
 31 Education, the Director of the Center for International Education, and the Chair of the
 32 Research Council, or their respective designees. In addition, the administrative officer
 33 having primary responsibility for graduate curriculum in each college or school shall
 34 serve as ex-officio, non-voting member (~~without vote~~) of the Graduate Council if that
 35 person is not a college or school representative. The Chairperson of the Graduate Council
 36 ~~shall be a faculty member from the Graduate Council elected for a two-year term by vot-~~
 37 ~~ing members of the Graduate Council. The election of the Chair will take place at the last~~
 38 ~~meeting of the Spring semester.~~ is a faculty member from the Council who serves for a
 39 one-year term, following a one-year term as Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect.

40
 41 The Graduate Council shall report its actions to the Executive Committee of the Faculty
 42 Senate. The agenda and minutes of the Graduate Council meetings will be distributed
 43 electronically to all senators at least five business days prior to the next senate meeting.
 44 Implementation follows approval of the changes at that meeting. Any curricular change
 45 may be reopened for review and its implementation delayed at the will of the Executive
 46 Committee, or the full Senate.

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2 **H. Library and Information Technology Committee.** Membership shall consist of six
3 ten faculty members representing broad interests with experience in library policies, edu-
4 cational and/or information technology and research that are appointed ~~to three-year~~
5 ~~staggered terms~~ by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments. One undergradu-
6 ate student member may be selected by the Student Government Association, and one
7 graduate student member may be selected by the Graduate Student Senate. ~~The Chairper-~~
8 ~~son shall be elected by the members of the committee and shall serve a two-year term.~~
9 ~~The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee on Nominations and Appoint-~~
10 ~~ments.~~

11
12 Voting ex-officio members shall include the Dean of the Libraries, ~~(or designees)~~, the
13 chief information officer of the Office of Information Technology, the chief information
14 officer for the Knoxville campus, and the director of the Innovative Technology Center.
15 ~~Non-voting ex-officio members shall include other leaders of the Office of Information~~
16 ~~Technology, specifically the executives responsible for engineering services, and cus-~~
17 ~~tomer technology support, and also a representative of University outreach distance edu-~~
18 ~~cation.~~

19
20 Duties of the Library and Information Technology Committee include: (1) identifying,
21 reviewing, and recommending information technology policies, (2) representing the Sen-
22 ate on key university committees that address information technology, and (3) reporting
23 to the Senate on key information technology issues and developments that affect the
24 campus, and (4) ensuring that library services and collections meet the teaching, research,
25 and public service needs of the University community with particular focus on library
26 policies and procedures that facilitate use of resources.

27
28 **I. Library Committee.** ~~Membership shall consist of one faculty representative from each~~
29 ~~college or school, except in the case of Arts and Sciences that shall be represented by~~
30 ~~three faculty members, one from each of the major divisions of the college. One student~~
31 ~~representative may be selected by the Graduate Student Senate and one by the~~
32 ~~Undergraduate Academic Council. Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of~~
33 ~~Libraries and the Associate Dean of Libraries (or designees). The Committee on~~
34 ~~Nominations and Appointments shall select the Chairperson.~~

35
36 ~~The Committee's duties include working with the Dean of Libraries to ensure that library~~
37 ~~services and collections meet the teaching, research, and public service needs of the~~
38 ~~University community. Particular focus shall be placed on library policies and procedures~~
39 ~~that facilitate use of resources.~~

40
41 **J. Nominating Committee.** ~~Membership shall consist of five members of the Senate who~~
42 ~~serve a one-year term and are appointed by the Committee on Nominations and~~
43 ~~Appointments. None of the members shall be a member of the Committee on~~
44 ~~Nominations and Appointments. No ex-officio members will be appointed. The~~
45 ~~Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson. This~~
46 ~~committee shall nominate two candidates for the President Elect. The committee shall~~

1 solicit nominations from the University Faculty at large and shall prepare a ballot that
2 includes biographical information on all candidates.

3
4 ~~This committee shall nominate two candidates for position of faculty representative to the
5 University Faculty Council. The committee shall solicit nominations for the University
6 Faculty Council from the University Faculty at large and shall prepare a ballot that in-
7 cludes biographical information on all candidates. Elections shall be held every third
8 academic year in the spring.~~

9
10 **K. Professional Development Committee.** ~~The membership of the Committee shall
11 consist of a minimum of nine faculty members serving one-year terms and representing
12 the diversity of programs on the campus. Ex-officio members shall be the chief campus
13 academic officer with primary responsibility for academic affairs and the chief campus
14 academic officer with primary responsibility for graduate education (or their designees).
15 The Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall appoint the Chairperson.~~

16
17 ~~Duties of the committee shall include (1) suggesting administrative actions that would
18 permit and encourage professional development; monitoring and evaluating the resulting
19 actions and programs; (2) initiating activities to facilitate the development of faculty
20 members as professionals; monitoring and evaluating these activities and resulting
21 programs; (3) developing a policy of professional leave (sabbatical leave) and monitoring
22 the resulting program; (4) enhancing and expanding international teaching and research
23 opportunities for faculty, and strengthening opportunities for participation of scholars and
24 artists from outside the U. S.~~

25
26 **I. Research Council.** Membership shall consist of no fewer than ~~45~~ 12 appointed faculty
27 or faculty/administrator representatives chosen by the Committee on Nominations and
28 Appointments ~~for staggered three-year terms~~. In addition, there shall be three graduate
29 students selected by the Graduate Student Senate. Ex-officio members shall include the
30 chief academic officer responsible for research, the Associate Vice President of the Of-
31 fice of Research, the Dean of Libraries and college-level administrators with responsibil-
32 ity for research (or their designees). The composition of the Research Council shall
33 reflect balance among externally funded and institutionally supported research, between
34 research and other creative activity, and between disciplines. Members must be actively
35 engaged in research or other creative activity and must (1) hold full-time or continuing
36 part-time appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, and (2) perform
37 academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmen-
38 tal administration. Ex-officio members shall be the Dean of Libraries and up to two addi-
39 tional designees. ~~The Council members shall elect the Chairperson for a one-year term.~~
40 The Chairperson must have served at least one year on the Research Council prior to
41 ~~election appointment by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.~~ The mem-
42 bers of the Research Council may elect co- or vice Chairpersons.

43
44 The Research Council acts as an advisory body to the chief university officer for
45 research. The Research Council shall promote excellence in research and other creative
46 activity through the study and recommendation of policies. The Research Council shall

1 sponsor programs to communicate an understanding and appreciation of research and
 2 other creative activity to the University community and the community at large. The Re-
 3 search Council co-administers some programs of the Office of Research as requested by
 4 the chief university officer for research. Areas of concern include research incentives and
 5 support, intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary research activities, compliance with State,
 6 federal and University regulations governing the conduct of research, rights to and com-
 7 mercialization of intellectual property, the broad range of research infrastructure includ-
 8 ing all forms of telecommunications and computational support, and other appropriate
 9 matters. Further, the Research Council shall concern itself with the institutional policy on
 10 research grants and funding, with copyright and patent policy, with protection of investi-
 11 gators, with the protection of human subjects of research, with the protection of experi-
 12 mental animals, and with policies affecting compliance of research activities with envi-
 13 ronmental and occupational health and safety requirements. Further, the Research Coun-
 14 cil shall encourage publications and the development of specialized research facilities for
 15 intercollegiate and/or interdisciplinary uses and with any other policies pertaining to
 16 research programs. The Research Council shall also encourage the advertisement of re-
 17 search successes of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville researchers. When appropri-
 18 ate, the Research Council shall report its actions for approval to the Faculty Senate.

19
 20 ~~**M. Student Concerns Committee.** Membership shall consist of four faculty members,
 21 Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, a representative from the Dean of Students' Office,
 22 President of the Student Government Association, Vice-President of the Student
 23 Government Association, Director of Student Services, President of the Faculty Senate,
 24 President Elect of the Faculty Senate, and President of the Graduate Student Senate. The
 25 chairperson shall be a faculty member appointed by the Committee on Nominations and
 26 Appointments.~~

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

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 32 **J. Teaching and Learning Council.** Membership shall consist of fifteen faculty mem-
 33 bers nominated to the Senate by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments, as
 34 well as three graduate students selected by the Graduate Student Senate in consultation
 35 with the Chairperson of the Teaching and Learning Council and three undergraduate stu-
 36 dents selected by the Student Government Association, and/or the Director of the Honors
 37 Program, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Teaching and Learning Council.
 38 The faculty members should have currently active teaching/advising responsibilities.
 39 ~~Members shall serve for three-year staggered terms with 1/3 of the terms expiring each~~
 40 ~~year.~~ All colleges offering instruction at the graduate or undergraduate level will have at
 41 least one representative. Attempts will be made to distribute the other representatives
 42 among the colleges of the university. Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of Un-
 43 dergraduate Academic Affairs, and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School and the
 44 Director of the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center, the coordinator of SAIS and the
 45 Director of the Student Success Center. ~~The Teaching Council shall elect the Chairperson~~
 46 ~~for a one-year term at the last meeting of the spring semester; the Chairperson takes of-~~

1 ~~file at the first meeting of the fall semester. Should the Teaching Council so decide, the~~
 2 ~~Council may have co-Chairpersons who operate within the same procedures as a single~~
 3 ~~Chairperson.~~

4 The Teaching and Learning Council is a committee of the ~~Faculty~~-Senate that works to
 5 advance excellence in teaching and academic advising at UTK. Areas of concern for the
 6 Teaching and Learning Council include incentives for recognizing quality instruction and
 7 advising, methods for improving instruction at a campus and departmental level, guide-
 8 lines for routine and disciplinary evaluation of teaching, academic advising, and curricu-
 9 lum. For example, the Teaching and Learning Council examines policy issues related to
 10 teaching on the UTK campus and works with the chief academic officer to recognize ex-
 11 cellence in teaching and advising. The Teaching and Learning Council works with the
 12 ~~Center for Undergraduate Excellence~~ Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center to run a
 13 yearly campus-wide program that involves faculty and staff in addressing issues central
 14 to improving instruction and advising. The Teaching and Learning Council works with
 15 both the Graduate School and the ~~Center for Undergraduate Excellence~~ Tennessee Teach-
 16 ing and Learning Center to develop practical means of improving and rewarding instruc-
 17 tion and advising on campus.

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

Baccalaureate Degrees Granted	Total Undergraduate Council
1 – 300	1
301 – 500	2
501 – 700	3
701 – 900	4
901 – 1100	5
1101 – 1300	6
1301 – 1500	7
1501 – 1700	8
1701 – 1900	9

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 38 In the College of Arts and Sciences, representatives shall be apportioned among the
 39 Divisions of Social Sciences, Humanities and Natural Sciences. Members must (1) hold
 40 full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant professor or
 41 higher and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching,
 42 research, service or departmental administration. Ex-officio, non-voting members (~~with-~~
 43 ~~out vote~~) shall be the Dean of Admissions and Records, the Dean of Outreach and Con-
 44 tinuing Education, the Dean of Libraries, the Director of the Center for International
 45 Education, the Director of the Chancellor's Honors Program and the Chair of the Stand-
 46 ing Committee on Advising (or their designees). In addition, the administrative officer

1 having primary responsibility for undergraduate curriculum in each college or school
 2 shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member (~~without vote~~) of the Undergraduate
 3 Council if that
 4 person is not a college or school representative. The Chair of the Undergraduate Council
 5 shall be a faculty member from the Undergraduate Council elected for a two-year term by
 6 voting members of the Undergraduate Council. The election of the Chair will take place
 7 at the last meeting of the Spring semester.

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

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

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

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

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

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 45 **Section 5. Committee Reports.** Each standing or special committee shall submit a writ-
 46 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

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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, HEHNEH, NEA), Labor, Health and Human Services (HIH, Bell Grants, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need, 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.

~~DRAFT_5_—please send edits and suggestions~~