

**RESOLUTION FROM THE FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION AT A MEETING OF THE
FACULTY SENATE TO BE HELD ON
March 7, 2011**

WHEREAS, under Article III, Section 2.G. of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate “is responsible for reviewing proposed revisions and recommending changes to the *Faculty Handbook* 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*,” and

WHEREAS, the President of the Faculty Senate recommended that the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee review and recommend proposed revisions to the *Faculty Handbook* and the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* concerning the process for making revisions to these documents and, in particular, whether two readings should be required for considering such proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, under Section 8.3 of the *Faculty Handbook*, the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee “is responsible for recommending changes, which should have input from the chancellor, the vice president, and their administrative staff including deans for consideration by the Faculty Senate Executive Council and final consideration by the full Faculty Senate;” and

WHEREAS, the introduction to the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* states that “[r]evisions to the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation*, if any, are made in consultation with and the approval of the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for final approval by the full Faculty Senate;” and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee has reviewed —and sought (i) input from the chancellors of UTK and UTIA and (ii) consideration by the Faculty Senate Executive Council on— the various sections of the *Faculty Handbook* and the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* related to this issue; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that section 8.1 of the *Faculty Handbook* is revised by deleting the previous text and replacing it with the following text so it read in full as:

The Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee may initiate a proposed revision to the *Faculty Handbook*, after consultation with the chancellors of UTK and UTIA. Each recommendation of the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee will be presented to the Faculty Senate Executive Council in the form of a resolution briefly outlining the reason(s) for the proposed revision and specifying the precise change(s) to be made. With the acceptance of the Faculty Senate Executive Council, the resolution will be presented for consideration and action at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. Adoption of the resolution by the Faculty Senate constitutes a recommendation of the Faculty Senate to the chancellors for revision of the *Faculty Handbook*.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final paragraph in the Introduction to the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* would be revised so that it would read in full as:

Revisions to the *Manual for Faculty Evaluation* are made in consultation with and the approval of the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Council for final approval by the full Faculty Senate. Each recommendation of the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee will be presented to the Faculty Senate Executive Council in the form of a resolution briefly outlining the reason(s) for the proposed revision and specifying the precise change(s) to be made. With the acceptance of the Faculty Senate Executive Council, the resolution will be presented for consideration and action at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. Adoption of the resolution by the Faculty Senate constitutes a recommendation of the Faculty Senate for revision of the Manual for Faculty Evaluation.