UTK Faculty Senate
UT-IT Management Resolution
October 22, 2007

Whereas the UTK Faculty Senate has repeatedly over the past year expressed concern about the lack of response by the UT System administration to issues raised regarding the management of Information Technology related staff and activities in Knoxville;

Whereas the IT activities in Knoxville directly impact many aspects of faculty responsibilities, with numerous problems related to IT management causing disruption of faculty, student, and staff activities over the past year;

Whereas these concerns have been expressed directly, in writing and verbally to the President and his staff, numerous times over the past year;

> A list of recent correspondence by the UTK Faculty Senate leadership to the UT System leadership on these matters follows - no response has been received to any of these:
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> Memo to Vice President Sylvia Davis and Chief Financial Officer Gary Rogers with Senate Resolution on SS# (Feb 23, 2007)
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> Letter to President Petersen regarding email concerns as per request of Senate Executive Committee (February 26, 2007)
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> Letter to President Petersen regarding Lack of UT System Organizational Response on Email Problems (May 2, 2007)
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> Letter to President Petersen regarding UT System Organizational Structure of Information Technology (May 23, 2007)
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> Memo to President Petersen regarding IT structure (August 31, 2007)

Whereas the President has not acted to establish the management of IT activities promised in his memo to all UT Faculty and Staff of Feb. 28, 2007;

Whereas the President's report in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of March 2007 states that resources had already been shifted from the System to the campuses to allow the campuses to manage day-to-day operation and IT implementation, however this statement is false with regards to UTK;

Whereas neither the President nor the President's staff has responded in any written manner to any of the concerns expressed above;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UTK Faculty Senate expresses its lack of confidence in the management of the IT resources and IT activities of UT by the President and authorizes the Faculty Senate President to notify each member of the Board of Trustees in writing concerning this action.