

**Resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Council  
Concerning Revision of the Bylaws of the  
Faculty Senate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate contributes to the membership of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council (UFC) through the election of a campus representative to the Council serving a term of three years; and

WHEREAS, an examination of our Faculty Senate Bylaws and those of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council (UFC) has uncovered differences in the procedures to be followed when a campus representative is unable to complete his or her term of office, with our Faculty Senate Bylaws calling for the selection of a new representative to serve a new, three-year term and the UFC Bylaws calling for the selection of a new representative to serve the completion of the present three-year term;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to bring the Faculty Senate Bylaws and the UFC Bylaws into agreement, ARTICLE IV, Section 6 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws are revised by changing the second paragraph of that section to read in full as follows:

**If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall appoint an individual to complete the remainder of the current three-year term.**

**To:** Faculty Senate Executive Council and Faculty Senate  
**From:** Steve Thomas, President-Elect  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylaws Changes  
**Date:** February 7, 2012

An examination of our Bylaws and those of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council (UFC) has uncovered differences in the procedures to be followed when an elected representative is unable to complete his or her three-year term of office. The appropriate sections are these two documents are quoted below, with the differences highlighted. In summary, our bylaws call for the election of someone for a new, three-year term while the UFC bylaws call for an election of someone to complete the original three-year term.

**Bylaws / Faculty Senate of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

**ARTICLE IV. Officers: Duties, Qualifications, and Resources.**

**Section 6. University Faculty Council Representative.**

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If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall elect an individual to complete the current year of the term. An election for a representative for a new three-year term is then to be conducted as per Article III, Section 3. F. by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.

**Bylaws of the University of Tennessee System Faculty Council**

**Article 2 Membership and Election**

**Section 3 Replacement of Members**

**B. Representative Replacement**

In the event that a campus elected representative to the UFC is no longer able to serve, resigns, or no longer meets the eligibility criteria specified above, or is recalled by their Faculty Senate, the responsibility for selection of a new representative shall be given to the Faculty Senate of the campus. This representative shall complete the term of office of the individual they are replacing. They shall be eligible to serve another complete term on the UFC if so elected by their campus.

In order to bring these two documents into agreement, I am suggesting the following changes to the second paragraph of Article IV, Section 6.

If for any reason a representative is not able to complete his or her term, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall *elect appoint* an individual to complete the *remainder of the current three-year of the term*. ~~An election for a representative for a new three-year term is then to be conducted as per Article III, Section 3. F. by the Committee on Nominations and Appointments.~~