

**Resolution to Amend the Bylaws
Faculty Senate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
With Respect to the Research Council**

WHEREAS, the “Executive Council shall annually review these Bylaws and make appropriate recommendations to the Faculty Senate for amendments. It shall also review any revisions suggested by members or other councils or committees of the Faculty Senate.” (Article III. Section 2.A.); and

WHEREAS, recent changes in titles of UTK’s chief academic officers responsible for research have caused the list of ex-officio members of the Research Council of the Faculty Senate to become inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Research Council reviewed these Bylaws in an effort to i) correct inaccuracies in the titles of ex-officio members, ii) reflect Faculty Senate Research Council operations, and iii) provide consistent and clear wording on various aspects concerning the Research Council; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the ex-officio members of the Research Council found in Article III. Section 2. J. of the Bylaws are revised by replacing the phrase “**chief academic officer responsible for research, the Associate Vice President of the Office of Research**” with “**Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research**” and the phrase “**college-level administrators with responsibility for research**” with “**Associate Deans for Research**” so the first part of the first paragraph of Article III. Section 2. J. reads in full as follows.

Research Council. Membership shall consist of at least 12 appointed faculty or faculty/administrator representatives. In addition, there shall be three graduate students selected by the Graduate Student Senate. Ex-officio members shall include the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, the Dean of Libraries (or designee), Associate Deans for Research (or designees), and up to two additional designees.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the stipulation of chairperson having served at least one year on the Research Council prior to “**appointment as**” chairperson is replaced with “**assuming the position of**” chairperson and the provision of “**The members of the Research Council may elect co- or vice chairperson**” is removed so after these and other minor wording changes the second part of the first paragraph of Article III. Section 2. J. reads in full as follows.

The composition of the Research Council shall reflect balance among externally funded and institutionally supported research activities, between research and other creative activity, and among 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, or service. The chairperson of the Research Council must have served at least one year on the Research Council prior to assuming the position of Chairperson.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of “**chief campus officer for research**” is replaced in the same spirit as the changes to the list of ex-officio members, the word “**scholarship**” is inserted into the references to “**research and other creative activity**,” and the term “**advertisement**” is replaced with “**media releases**” so after these and other minor wording changes the second paragraph of Article III. Section 2. J. reads in full as follows.

The Research Council acts as an advisory body to the Vice Chancellor for Research. The Research Council shall promote excellence in research, scholarship, and other creative activity through the study and recommendation of policies. The Research Council shall initiate and support efforts to communicate an understanding of and appreciation for research, scholarship and other creative activity to the campus community and the community at large. The Research Council co-administers some programs of the Office of Research, as requested by the Vice Chancellor for Research or the Associate Vice Chancellor 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 research-related resources. 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 protection of human subjects of research, with 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 development of specialized research facilities for intercollegiate and/or interdisciplinary uses in accordance with any other policies pertaining to research programs. The Research Council shall also encourage media releases of research successes of UTK, UTIA, and UTSI researchers. When appropriate, the Research Council shall report its actions for approval to the Faculty Senate.