

**The Faculty Senate of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Resolution**  
September 24, 2012

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Faculty Senate makes decisions regarding policies and procedures that affect Lecturers and Clinical Instructors; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Bylaws do not allow Lecturers and Clinical Instructors to either vote for or serve as Senate members; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of shared governance this constituency should be allowed representation in the Faculty Senate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate be modified as follows to allow Clinical Instructors and Lecturers to vote in Faculty Senate elections and to run and serve as Faculty Senate Senators beginning with the spring 2013 elections. Furthermore, the faculty census which allocates seats among the caucuses will be modified to include Lecturers and Clinical Instructors and an election shall be held among the Lecturers and Clinical Instructors for ten interim Senate at large seats whose terms will expire July 31, 2013.

**Changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws as follows (italic underlines are inserts, strikethroughs are deletions):**

**Article II Section 1. B. Elected Faculty Members: Criteria, Election, Term of Office, and Duties.**

Elected faculty members shall be chosen from those members of the faculty meeting the following criteria at the time of the election: (1) the holding of full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of lecturer, clinical instructor, assistant professor or higher; and (2) the performance of academic duties totaling at least half time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration. The term of office for each elected faculty member is three years (except as set forth below in paragraph E of this Section 1) and begins August 1 of the year in which the member is elected. The members elected by each college, unit, or division (as provided for in Section 2 of this Article II) shall be divided into three classes, each class consisting of approximately one-third of the elected representatives of each college, unit, or division. After completion of a full three-year term or any partial term of more than one year, an elected faculty member shall be eligible for a second three-year term. A senator who has served two consecutive terms is eligible for nomination only after being off the Faculty Senate for a full three years.

**Article II Section 1. E. Apportionment.** Elective faculty seats shall be apportioned in January of each year among the respective colleges, units, and divisions by the clerical secretary of the Faculty Senate under the supervision of its President on the following basis: All part-time full-year faculty appointments and continuing part-time faculty at the lecturer, clinical instructor, or assistant professor level or above of at least 20% FTE shall be combined into fulltime equivalents to be added to the full-time eligible faculty in determining the basis for

representation of each college, unit, or division in the Faculty Senate. The following table will be used for determining the number of elected faculty representatives based on the number of FTEs:

Faculty FTE	Total Senators
1-10 FTE	1
11-25 FTE	2
26-45 FTE	3
46-65 FTE	4
Etc.	

Also, one elected faculty member shall represent the UT Extension at the UTIA. Other than the UT Extension, the colleges, units, and divisions represented on the Faculty Senate include: Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (Resident Instruction and Experiment Station); Architecture and Design; Arts and Sciences (divided into three divisional caucuses representing the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities); Business Administration; Communications and Information Sciences; Education, Health and Human Sciences; Engineering; Law; Libraries; Nursing; ROTC; Social Work; UTSI; and Veterinary Medicine. The elected members and alternates from each of these colleges, units, or divisions constitute a caucus.

In case of an increase in the number of elected faculty member representatives authorized for any caucus, the new elective seats shall be apportioned over the three classes of members in a manner that distributes the members as equally as possible across the classes. Elected faculty members may be elected to one-year, two-year, or three-year terms in order to achieve this approximate distributive equality.

In case of a decrease in the number of elected faculty member representatives authorized for any caucus, the decrease in representation shall be made at the next expiration of the term of an elected member.

**Article II Section 2. Election of Senators.** The full-time or continuing part-time faculty of each college, unit, or division of UTK and UTIA and the faculty of UTSI with the rank, or equivalent rank, of lecturer, clinical instructor, assistant professor or higher shall elect its representatives to the Faculty Senate by April 1 each year as set forth in this Section 2.

**Article III Section 2. J. 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 chief academic officer responsible for research, the Associate Vice President of the Office of Research, the Dean of Libraries and up to two additional designees, and college-level administrators with responsibility for research (or their designees). The composition of the Research Council shall reflect balance among externally funded and institutionally supported research, between research and other creative activity, and between 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, or equivalent rank, of assistant professor or higher; and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration. The chairperson must have served at least one year on the Research Council prior to appointment as chairperson. The members of the Research Council may elect co- or vice-chairpersons.

**Article III Section 2. L. Undergraduate Council.**

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In the College of Arts and Sciences, representatives shall be apportioned among the divisions of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Natural Sciences. Members must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of lecturer, clinical instructor, assistant professor or higher and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service or departmental administration. Ex-officio members shall be the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Services, a representative of Outreach and Continuing Education, the Dean of Libraries, the Director of the Center for International Education, the Director of the Chancellor's Honors Program, and the Director of the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center, or their respective designees. In addition, the administrative officer having primary responsibility for undergraduate curriculum in each school or college shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Undergraduate Council if that person is not a school or college representative. The chairperson of the Undergraduate Council (known as the Chair) shall be a faculty member from the Undergraduate Council elected for a one-year term, following a one-year term as Vice Chair, by voting members of the Undergraduate Council. The election of the Chair will take place at the last meeting of the spring semester.

**Article VI.**

There shall be a one-time election of Senators chosen from the full-time or continuing part-time UTK, UTIA, and UTSI faculty of the rank of lecturer or clinical instructor or equivalent rank to serve terms beginning October 31, 2012 and concluding July 31, 2013. Ten at large senators shall be chosen by the full-time or continuing part-time faculty of rank lecturer, instructor or equivalent rank in an at-large election. Nominations for this election shall be assembled by the Non Tenure Track Advisory Group and the election shall be coordinated by this group under the supervision of the Faculty Senate President. The election shall be completed by October 31, 2012. This Article shall be removed from the Bylaws on August 1, 2013 without the need for further vote or action.