

**Draft Resolution In Response To General Assembly Bills HB2115 and SB2260**

For consideration at the UTK Faculty Senate Executive Council Meeting, February 19, 2018

**Whereas,** the UT Board of Trustees is the final authority in establishing policies that regulate the University employment and life of UTK faculty and students, and

**Whereas,** UT faculty and students offer invaluable information and advice to the Board of Trustees on academic topics with which Board members may not be familiar, and

**Whereas,** the General Assembly is considering bills (HB2116/SB2260) that would remove UT faculty and students from the UT Board of Trustees, and

**Whereas,** this would result in two of the most important assets of UT having no voice during deliberations when final decisions are made affecting their lives and careers, and

**Whereas,** the UTK Faculty Senate feels that this is not in the best interest of the University, its faculty or students,

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the UTK Faculty Senate Executive Council strongly encourages members of the General Assembly to amend HB2115 and SB2260 to include voting faculty and student representation on the UT Board of Trustees.