



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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KNOXVILLE

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FACULTY SENATE

WHEREAS, Professor John Zomchick, PhD, is a highly-respected colleague and scholar in British literature of the period 1660-1800, who has been a member of the faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville since 1985; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized for excellence in classroom teaching by the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association's Teaching Award, and received both the Advising Award and the Lorayne Lester Award from the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized in his profession as the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, and being selected for the Modern Language Association's Association of Departments of English Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction as the Interim Provost and Senior Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville since August 2016 demonstrating a strong commitment to shared governance, academic freedom and free speech; and

WHEREAS, in his previous roles as Head of the Department of English, Associate Dean for Academic Personnel in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs, he has shown a steadfast commitment to faculty development, improving faculty mentoring, and enhancing the diversity and inclusion efforts in our hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, he has played an active role in promoting faculty leadership development through his support of the SEC Academic Leadership Program, as well as by establishing the University's Diversity Champions Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Tennessee Faculty Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. John Zomchick for his exemplary leadership and service to the University as our Interim Provost and Senior Vice-Chancellor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be presented to John Zomchick and that the Resolution become part of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 7, 2018.

Sadie Hutson, Ph.D., RN
Secretary

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President