

Executive Council Electronic Meeting, May 6, 2018- Resolution regarding DiPietro's actions

	Whereas 1	Whereas 2	Whereas 3	Whereas 4	Whereas 5	Whereas 6	Resolved
1. Anderson	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
2. Black	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
3. Chen (by email)							Censure
4. Collins	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
5. Gross	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
6. Hall	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
7. Hutson	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
8. Kaplan	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
9. Kwon	Agree	Agree	Abstain	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
10. Lyons	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
11. MacLennan	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
12. McAlvin	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
13. McMillan	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
14. Morrow	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
15. Murphy	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Abstain
16. Ownley	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
17. Prosser	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Denounce
18. Rutenberg	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure
19. Spirko	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Censure

We have a majority (10 votes) for censure. Seven voted for denounce. Two abstained.

Text on which members voted

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee (UT) System office President Joe DiPietro has taken administrative actions that directly and negatively affect members of the University of Tennessee Knoxville campuses (the University of Tennessee Knoxville, UTK, and the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, UTIA, which are both represented by the UTK Faculty Senate) without apparent regard for campus-level concerns; and

WHEREAS, the UT System President has failed to be transparent and responsible in his communications with the UTK and UTIA community and the public regarding matters such as his position on outsourcing and the post-tenure review revision process; and

WHEREAS, the UT System President dismissed UTK Chancellor Davenport with a letter that, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, personalized a national problem of flagship-system tension and attached it to Davenport as a “professional shortcoming, maybe even a character flaw;” and

WHEREAS, these actions have undermined the stability, reputation and mission of UTK and UTIA; and

WHEREAS, the UTK Faculty Senate is committed to the long-term advancement of the University of Tennessee campuses in Knoxville;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UTK Faculty Senate votes to **(censure/denounce)*** these actions and to call for a discussion to change the structure, leadership, and location of the University of Tennessee System to better support the Knoxville campuses in building a positive national reputation for the flagship institution of higher education in Tennessee.

*Replace with the single word that received the highest tally among voting members