

Resolution Endorsing the Student Government Association Statement on the Comptroller's Report and Campus Free Speech

WHEREAS, the [Campus Free Speech Protection Act](#) (Public Chapter 336) encourages the broadest possible latitude to students to “speak, write, listen, challenge, learn, and discuss any issue” and prohibits the university from denying “student activity fee funding to a student organization based on the viewpoint that the student organization advocates;” and,

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's *Special Report: Sex Week at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville* includes troubling suggestions that could have a chilling effect on campus free speech; and,

WHEREAS, high-achieving students exercising their first amendment rights are a point of pride for this University; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association (SGA), seeking to represent the student body at large, has replied with insight and temperance to the Comptroller's report and to the administrative reply to it; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA holds that students should be the primary decision-makers when determining what programming will be funded by elective student fees; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA represents student views and needs to the administration; and,

WHEREAS, the support of student learning and of a vibrant campus climate for freedom of inquiry is of central concern to the faculty,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UTK Faculty Senate applauds the SGA's statement on the Comptroller's Report and their efforts to become primary decision-makers when determining the distribution of funds for student programming.