

## **The Faculty Senate of the Knoxville Campuses of the University of Tennessee**

### **Resolution Affirming Faculty Control Over All Curriculum Decisions**

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate and Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, are primarily concerned about the integrity of the curriculum, and the way it is designed and delivered, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate and Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, campus recognize the COVID-19 Pandemic is a unique time in which the safety and the welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors to our campuses are challenged, and

WHEREAS numerous actions are taking place at the level of campus and system administration that may have implications for university policy well beyond this time of crisis, and

WHEREAS we believe it is correct to assert faculty control over curriculum content, design, and delivery, and

WHEREAS faculty control over the curriculum and how it is delivered and designed is defined in the Faculty Handbook, and

WHEREAS all discussion of curriculum, curriculum design, and curriculum delivery must reflect the primacy of faculty control, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the Knoxville campuses of the University of Tennessee advocate that any committee formed to rethink, re-imagine, or re-envision the curriculum or how the curriculum will be designed and delivered, even in time of crisis, be made up of at least one half faculty members.