

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

Resolution to Advocate for Faculty Input Over All Future Budget Cuts

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate and Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville are primarily concerned about the integrity of the university at large, and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate and Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville are primarily concerned about the possibility of budget cuts responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the Knoxville campuses of the University of Tennessee advocate that any committee formed to design budget cuts be composed of half faculty, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the Knoxville campuses of the University of Tennessee advocate that any budget cuts begin at the system level, proceed to upper administration, and only after cuts are made in those sectors be directed at staff and faculty and no cuts, furloughs, or layoffs to part- or full-time staff or faculty making less than \$50,000 per year.