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A University of Tennessee-Knoxville Faculty Senate Resolution

Honoring Gerald “Jerry” Riehl

WHEREAS, Jerry Riehl provided twenty-two years of exemplary leadership and tireless service that had an immeasurable impact at The University of Tennessee-Knoxville and

WHEREAS, in his role of Manager of Course Design and Delivery in the Office of Information Technology he provided expertise, guidance, consultation, and team leadership supporting the identification, evaluation, and deployment of multiple instructional technology tools for the campus and

WHEREAS, his leadership, in collaboration with faculty and student representatives, was instrumental in bringing to campus the learning management system Canvas, which has been transformational in faculty’s ability to deliver multimedia educational materials to students and

WHEREAS, Jerry Riehl provided well-informed guidance and direction in researching synchronous delivery platforms to satisfy the requirements and demands of emergent online degree programs across the campus, resulting in the adoption of Zoom in 2014 and

WHEREAS, with the COVID pandemic in 2020 and the increased need for a virtual teaching and meeting platform, Jerry Riehl expanded UTK Zoom agreements and implemented a statewide enterprise Zoom contract for the UT System in 2021 and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2016, Jerry Riehl served with the UTK Emergency Operations Center as part of the academic continuity team, subsequently providing expertise enabling the broad shift across the UTK campus to online course delivery during the COVID pandemic and

WHEREAS, Jerry Riehl was a beloved leader, colleague, and mentor to numerous full-time staff, multiple faculty members, and generations of graduate student assistants

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The University of Tennessee-Knoxville Faculty Senate celebrates Jerry Riehl for his demonstrated and unwavering dedication to the mission of our institution to “Empower learners of all ages and backgrounds to achieve their dreams through accessible and affordable education and state-of-the-art research training opportunities” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE of The University of Tennessee-Knoxville offers its most sincere condolences to the family of Jerry Riehl and our deep appreciation for his twenty-two years of selfless service to this institution, its students, faculty, and staff.