

Resolution for 5.7.18: Censure of UT System President

WHEREAS, University of Tennessee (UT) System 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, 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 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.