

Proposed Outsourcing Resolution from the
Budget and Planning Committee of the UTK Faculty Senate

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam recently initiated a call to examine potential benefits to the State of Tennessee by outsourcing the management and operations of virtually every state-owned facility, including college and university buildings; and

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee at Knoxville has in the past and has continued to outsource a variety of operations to meet campus requirements while constraining costs; and

WHEREAS, President Joe DiPietro has repeatedly stated his objective to make decisions regarding outsourcing that are appropriately chosen to meet the needs of the various units of The University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville has been well-served over recent years through the closing of outsourced contracts of certain campus services and the hiring of regular, full-time employees to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, there has been no evidence provided to support the benefits to campus life or any significant cost savings of further outsourcing of facility and management services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the UTK Faculty Senate opposes the potential additional outsourcing that could be forced upon the UT System due to State actions, supports President DiPietro's position that outsourcing of services at the various University of Tennessee campuses be decided by the University community rather than by a central State authority, and encourages all members of the University community who are concerned about this issue to contact their legislators to voice their concern.

Approved by UTK Faculty Senate Executive Council 5 November 2015.