

Resolution of the Faculty Senate of The University of Tennessee at Martin

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee, by virtue of its land grant mission and through its multiple campuses and institutes, serves the people of Tennessee through the discovery, communication, and application of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of The University of Tennessee at Martin is committed to enhancing the socio-cultural, intellectual, and vocational opportunities of our students and others who seek our assistance through education, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, genuine education allows and assures every citizen access to a real, meaningful, and rich exploration of the self and society, and is an indispensable condition of real democracy; and

WHEREAS, the faculty realizes the changing dynamics with respect to external perceptions of higher education, particularly those of 4-year universities, at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the faculty desire to add their voices in concert with those of the UT Board of Trustees, the President of the University, and other advocates to assist our multiple stakeholders in understanding the urgency of funding higher education as a significant driver in improving the well-being of all Tennesseans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of The University of Tennessee at Martin encourage the Tennessee General Assembly and Governor Bill Haslam to seek genuine means of supporting Tennessee higher education and The University of Tennessee as a value for the common good of the people of Tennessee and for the improvement of cultural and economic opportunities for all residents.