

A RESOLUTION AGAINST OUTSOURCING FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam and his administration have pushed for the University of Tennessee System to support and implement the plan for outsourced facilities management, and,

WHEREAS, the plan would benefit an out-of-state company, JLL, and thus has the potential to negatively impact the local economy, and,

WHEREAS, each institution in the University of Tennessee system has the option to opt-in to the initiative, and,

WHEREAS, outsourcing would impact a large percentage of UT employees who have faithfully and continuously served the university community, some for decades, and,

WHEREAS, the UT employees affected could lose jobs and benefits, which would impact the local economy and communities, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate Student Senate, a voted representative body of all graduate and professional students at the largest campus in the UT system, opposes the outsourcing proposal which would negatively impact the sense of community on our campus, compromise facilities management employees' access to tuition waivers, and sever the Volunteer family in which UT is wholeheartedly immersed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be posted on the Graduate Student Senate website, become part of the minutes from the October 3, 2017 Senate meeting, and be shared with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville community.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

VOTE for 30 against 0 abstentions 2

ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Signature _____

Date _____