



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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KNOXVILLE

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**FACULTY SENATE**

**WHEREAS**, Shawn Spurgeon, an Associate Professor of Counseling is a highly-respected colleague who is nationally recognized for his counseling scholarship, teaching, as well as counselling practice and supervision, and

**WHEREAS**, he has served with distinction as President of the Faculty Senate during the 2020-2021 academic year, providing strong leadership to ensure the effectiveness of the Faculty Senate in shared governance, working to enhance relationships between the Senate and the greater University community with vision, wisdom, collegiality and good will, and

**WHEREAS**, he led the Faculty Senate through the unique challenges of COVID-19 which necessitated unprecedented, immediate changes in faculty instructional modalities, delivery, and pedagogical practices as well as flexibility in faculty service, research, and community outreach, and

**WHEREAS**, he tirelessly worked to advance the Senate relationships with Chancellor Plowman and Provost Zomchick, leading to increased Faculty Senate resources by the UTK administration in terms of expanded part-time office support to a full-time administrative staff member as well as expanded Graduate Research Assistant support,

**WHEREAS**, he represented the Faculty Senate in his role as in the UT Knoxville Strategic Visioning Process and resultant strategic plan, and

**WHEREAS**, he has built strong and positive working relations with faculty, staff, students, alumni, board of trustees' members, and administrators,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the University of Tennessee Faculty Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Shawn Spurgeon for his exemplary leadership and service to the Senate and the University of Tennessee, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be presented to Shawn Spurgeon and that the Resolution become part of the minutes of the Senate meeting held on September 20, 2021.

Millie Gimmel, Ph.D.  
Secretary

Louis Gross Ph.D.  
President