



**Academic Council and Faculty Senate
Resolution of Support for the Merger of Martin Methodist College and the
University of Tennessee System**

Whereas Martin Methodist College, a small, private college nestled in the hills of rural southern Middle Tennessee, was founded by Thomas Martin in 1870, at the request of his daughter, Victoria, whose dying hope was that a college for women, like herself, be established in this geographic area, and

Whereas the primary mission of Martin Methodist College has always been to provide access to higher education to the citizens of southern Middle Tennessee, and

Whereas this mission has been sustained for more than 150 years, and

Whereas the College desires to preserve and expand the breadth, depth, and capacity of its mission, and


Whereas the establishment of Martin Methodist College as a public institution through the transfer of assets to the University of Tennessee system will provide greater capacity for the mission and improved access and affordability for students, and

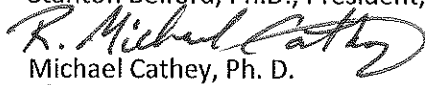
Whereas faculty, staff, and students will benefit greatly from the opportunities the merger will provide to all constituents and have expressed support thusly,

Be it therefore resolved that the Faculty Senate and the Academic Council, representing the faculty and academic program of the College, do hereby issue this resolution of support for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College by the University of Tennessee system.

Be it further resolved that the mission of access and opportunity to public higher education be secured and expanded as a campus of the University of Tennessee.

Signed this 21st day of October 2020,


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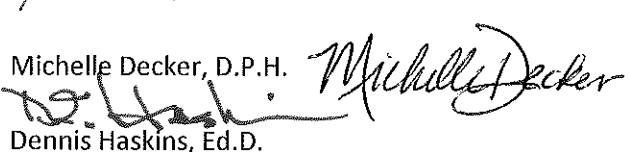

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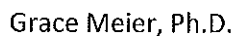

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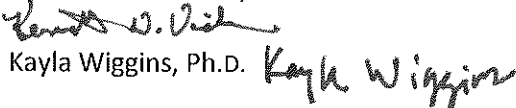

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