

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SECRETARY'S REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

**I. COMMENTS**—None.**II. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

On May 6, 2015, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Fred P. Ellison**, professor emeritus, government: Naomi E. Lindstrom (chair), Orlando R. Kelm, and Madeline Sutherland-Meier.

On June 11, 2015, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Thomas D. Oakland**, professor, educational psychology: Cindy I. Carlson (chair), Beeman N. Phillips and Kevin D. Stark.

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On June 12 2015, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Jack H. Wilmore**, professor emeritus, kinesiology and health education: Edward F. Colye (chair), Dixie Stanforth, and Philip R. Stanforth.

On June 14, 2015, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Laroy R. Carry**, professor emeritus, curriculum and instruction: Susan Empson (chair), Walter Stroup, and Jim Hoffman.

On July 16, 2015, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Daniel S. Barker**, professor emeritus, geological sciences: Earle McBride (chair), Leon Long, and Doug Smith.

**III. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS PENDING COMPLETION BY COMMITTEE.**

On July 11, 2013, President Powers appointed Gene A. Burd to prepare a memorial resolution for **Joseph A. Taylor**, associate professor, journalism.

On September 25, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Creed W. Abell**, professor emeritus, pharmacy: Christian P. Whitman (chair), Patrick J. Davis, and Steven W. Leslie.

On September 25, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Charles A. Walton**, professor emeritus, pharmacy: Robert L. Talbert Jr.(chair), M. Lynn Crismon, and John G. Kuhn.

On November 19, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **David L. Huff**, professor emeritus, geography and environment: William Doolittle (chair), Gregory W. Knapp, and Eli P. Cox.

On December 11, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Robert M. Palter**, professor emeritus, history and philosophy: Alex Mourelatos (chair), Gregory Daniel Bonevac, and Sahotra Sarkar.

On December 17, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **V.R. Cardozier**, professor emeritus, education Administration: Victor B. Saenz (chair), Richard J. Reddick, and Patricia A. Somers.

On December 17, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Alberta M. Castaneda**, associate professor, curriculum and instruction: Nancy L. Roser (chair), Christopher P. Brown, and Stuart Reifel.

On December 17, 2014, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Frederick L. Ling**, professor emeritus, mechanical engineering: Michael D. Bryant (chair), Joseph J. Beaman Jr., and Mark F. Hamilton.

On January 8, 2015 President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Joseph Lagowski**, professor emeritus, chemistry and biochemistry: Richard Jones (chair), Alan Cowley, and Alan Champion.

On March 10, 2015, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Joseph F. Malof**, professor emeritus, English: Warwick Wadlington (chair), Joseph Moldenhauer, and Charles Rossman.

On March 27, 2015, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Walter I. Fiery**, professor emeritus, sociology: Sheldon Ekland-Olson (chair), Nestor Rodriguez, and Gideon Sjoberg.

On April 1, 2015, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Peter W. M. John**, professor emeritus, mathematics: Martha Smith (chair), Thomas W. Sager, and Stephen G. Walker.

On April 10, 2015, President Powers appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Charles T. Clark**, professor emeritus, information, risk, and operations management: Tom Sager (chair), John Allison, and Jim Dyer.

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#### IV. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS PENDING REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL FACULTY.

On July 24, 2015, the Office of the General Faculty received the memorial resolution for **Boyd A. Hardesty** professor emeritus, chemistry, which was prepared by Marvin L. Hackert (chair), G. Barrie Kitto and Gisela Kramer.

#### V. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED.

D 13021-13022	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Lester J. Reed.
D 13023-13024	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Benjamin M. Harris.
D 13023-13024	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Stanislav Zimic.
D 13027-13028	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Vincent R. Dinino.
D 13029-13030	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Shirley M. Alexander.
D 13031-13033	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Janet Taylor Spence.
D 13034-13035	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for John H. Hicks.
D 13036-13037	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Rebecca L. Brooks.
D 13038-13039	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for R. Edward Nather.
D 13040	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for R. William G. Lesso.
D 13041-13042	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for R. Jack Harrison Wilmore.
D 13043-13044	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Owen Cappleman.
D 13045-13048	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Howard F. Rase.
D 13049-13050	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Jay Nematollahi.
D 13083	2014-2015 Report on Faculty Memorials.
D 13171-13172	Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Raymond D. Crisara.

#### VI. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL.

Effective June 3, 2015, Gregory L. Fenves became the 29<sup>th</sup> president of UT Austin replacing outgoing President William Powers Jr.

Effective May 26, 2015, Judith Langlois was appointed interim provost replacing outgoing Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory L. Fenves, who was named UT Austin's president.

Effective June 1, 2015, Marvin L. Hackert was appointed interim dean of Graduate Studies while Dean Langlois serves as UT Austin's interim executive vice president and provost.

Effective the first class day of the fall 2015 session, Professor Viet F. Erlmann (music) replaced Professor Glenn A. Peers (art and art history).

Effective the first class day of the fall 2015 session, Professor Kerry A. Kinney (civil, architectural, and environmental engineering) replaced Professor Christine L. Julien (electrical and computer engineering).

Effective the first class day of the fall 2015 session, Professor David M. Schnyer (psychology) replaced Professor Debra J. Umberson (sociology).

Effective the first class day of the fall 2015 session, Professor Jo Lynn Westbrook (information) replaced Professor Melanie D. Feinberg (information).

Interim Dean Robert H. Wilson, LBJ School of Public Affairs replaced Robert L. Hutchings who stepped down in August 2015.

Interim Dean Jay M. Bernhardt, Moody College of Communication replaced Roderick P. Hart who stepped down in August 31, 2015.

Interim Dean Laura T. Starks, McCombs School of Business replaced Thomas W. Gilligan who stepped down at the end of the spring 2015 term.

## VII. STATUS OF LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.

### A. ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

- D 12023-12029      **2014-2015 Faculty Rules and Governance Committee Proposal to Change the Meetings Section of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures 2-1010 (General Faculty)* and *Handbook of Operating Procedures 2-1120 (By-Laws of the Faculty Council)*.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on December 3, 2014, and classified as legislation of *major* interest. It was be presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on December 8, 2014. On January 26, 2015, the voting members of the General Faculty approved the legislation by a vote of thirty-seven in favor, ten against, and two members abstained. On May 21, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves recommended approval. On May 27, 2015, President Powers granted final approval with formal notification to UT System.
- D 12171-12172      **Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the Intercollegiate Athletics Councils for Men and for Women.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 31, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. The Faculty Council approved the panel at its meeting on April 13, 2015. It was transmitted to the president on April 14, 2015. On June 15, 2015, President Fenves appointed Dr. Hillary Hart and Professor Kevin Folliard, both faculty members in civil, architectural, and environmental engineering, to serve four-year terms beginning September 1, 2015, and lasting through August 31, 2019, to the Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Women and to the Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Men, respectively.
- D 12173              **Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the University of Texas at Austin Police Oversight Committee.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 1, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. The Faculty Council approved the panel at its meeting on April 13, 2015. It was transmitted to the president on April 14, 2015. On July 23, 2015, the president appointed Professor Richard Hazeltine (physics) to serve a three-year term beginning the first day of the fall semester ending August 31, 2018.
- D 12174-12177      **Revised Proposal to Restructure the Student Life and Activities committee into Two Separate Committees with Two Separate Functions.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 6, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. On November 17, 2014, the Faculty Council voted to table the original proposal (D 11935-11938) so the committee could further consult with the men's and women's athletics directors and the Intercollegiate Athletics Councils for Men and for Women. At its meeting on April 13, 2015, the Faculty Council tabled the revised proposal so that the Student Life and Activities Committee could address concerns raised by Council members. The Faculty Council approved the legislation at its meeting on May 6, 2015, and it was transmitted to the president on May 7, 2015. On June 22, 2015, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Judith Langlois recommend approval,

and President Gregory Fenves concurred granting final approval of the legislation.

D 12178-12217

**Proposed Changes to the College of Fine Arts Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 6, 2015, and classified as legislation of *exclusive* application and primary interest to a single college or school. The Faculty Council approved the proposal on a no-protest basis on April 21, 2015, and they were transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on April 23, 2015. On April 24, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On May 27, 2015, UT System granted final approval.

- Proposed Changes to the BA in Art: Art History Degree Program (D 12178-12180)
- Proposed Changes to the BA in Art: Studio Art Degree Program (D 12181-12183)
- Proposed Changes to the BA in Theatre and Dance Degree Program (D 12184-12187)
- Proposed Addition of Special Honors to the BA in Theatre and Dance Degree Program (D 12188-12192)
- Proposed Changes to the BFA Dance Degree Program (D 12193-12196)
- Proposed Changes to the BFA Design Degree Program (D 12197-12200)
- Proposed Changes to the BFA Studio Art Degree Program (D 12201-12204)
- Proposed Changes to the BFA Visual Art Studies Degree Program (D 12205-12208)
- Proposed Changes to the BM Jazz Degree Program (D 12209-12213)
- Proposed Changes to the BM Voice Performance Degree Program (D 12214-12217)

D 12232-12235

**Revised Proposal to Remove In Absentia Registration Fee.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 8, 2015 and classified as legislation of *general* interest. On March 9, 2015, the Faculty Council voted to table D 12128-12129 proposal so that the committee could consult with the Office of Graduate Studies to determine the impact of the legislation on their programs. The Faculty Council approved the amended proposal at its meeting on April 13, 2015, and it was transmitted to the president on April 14, 2015. On May 15, 2015, President Powers granted final approval of the legislation and sent formal notification to UT System. On May 28, 2015, UT System acknowledged receipt and confirmed its approval.

D 12240-12241

**Proposed Policy for Automatic Admission for Veterans.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 21, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. The Faculty Council approved the legislation at its meeting on May 6, 2015, and it was transmitted to the president on May 7, 2015. On May 12, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves recommended approval. On May 15, 2015, President Powers granted final approval and notified UT System. On July 6, 2015, UT System acknowledged the approval.

D 12242

**Schedule for Meetings of the Faculty Council in 2015-2016.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 21, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. The Faculty Council approved the schedule at its

meeting on May 6, 2015, and it was transmitted to the president for his information on May 7, 2015. No further action is required.

- D 12243            **Cancellation of Summer Meetings of the Faculty Council.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 21, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. On May 6, 2015, the Faculty Council approved the cancellation of the summer meetings and transmitted the information to the president on May 7, 2015. No further action is required.
- D 12250-12251    **Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Council Officers for 2015-2016.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 27, 2015. At its special meeting held on May 6, 2015, the 2015-16 Faculty Council elected Professor Jody Jensen (kinesiology and health education) to be chair elect, and Professors Coleman Hutichison (English), Kerry A. Kinney (civil, architectural, and environmental engineering), and Lauren A. Meyers (integrative biology) to serve on the Executive Committee. On May 7, 2015, the election results were transmitted to the president for his information only. No further action is required.
- D 12288            **Resolution for Secretary Dean P. Neikirk.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 30, 2015. The Faculty Council endorsed the resolution at its meeting on May 6, 2015, and it was transmitted to the president for his information on May 7, 2015. No further action is required.
- D 12292            **Faculty Council Executive Committee Statement on “Campus Carry.”** Posted on the Faculty Council website on June 18, 2015.

B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS—None.

C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD—None.

D. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR—None.

E. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—None.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE PROVOST FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION—None.

**VIII. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE GENERAL FACULTY—None.**

**IX. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL.**

- D 11169-11170    **Faculty Educational Benefit Proposal from the Faculty Welfare Committee.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on January 16, 2014, and classified as legislation of *general* interest. The Faculty Council approved the proposal at its meeting on January 27, 2014, and it was transmitted to the president on January 29, 2014. On March 12, 2014, the president’s office requested written recommendation regarding the legislation from Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves, Vice President for University Operations Patricia Clubb, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty, and Vice President for Legal Affairs Patricia Ohlendorf. On August 12, 2015, on behalf of the Faculty Council Executive Committee, Chair William Beckner wrote to President Gregory Fenves proposing that the legislation be returned to the Faculty Council for further study relating to its economic feasibility. On August 24, 2015,

President Fenves returned the legislation to the Faculty Council for further study.

- D 13170      **Resolution from the Faculty Council Executive Committee Regarding Conferral of Degrees.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on September 2, 2015. The Faculty Council will consider the resolution at its meeting on September 21, 2015.
- D 13173-13180      **Proposal to Add an Environmental Engineering Degree Program in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on September 4, 2015, and classified as legislation of *general* interest to more than one college or school. The Faculty Council will consider the legislation at its meeting on September 21, 2015. Final approval resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- D 13181-13184      **Proposed Addition of a BS in Arts and Entertainment Technology Degree Program in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on September 4, 2015, and classified as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school. The Faculty Council will consider the legislation at its meeting on September 21, 2015. Final approval resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**X. STATUS OF LEGISLATION NOT APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.**

- A. ITEMS DISAPPROVED, TABLED, OR WITHDRAWN—None.
- B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES—None.
- C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY OTHER COMMITTEES—None.

**XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED—None.**



Hillary Hart, Secretary  
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