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March 7, 2017

President Gregory L. Fenves  
The University of Texas at Austin  
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Dear President Fenves:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is a slate of nominees for a three-year term of appointment to the University of Texas at Austin Police Oversight Committee (D 14991), which was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting yesterday, March 6, 2017. From the panel, you are to select one faculty member to serve from September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2020.

Also included are statements from each of the candidates to assist you in your decision-making process. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan W. Friedman".

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative  
Literature

Enclosures

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EC: Carlos E. Martinez, Chief of Staff, Office of the President  
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## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE FACULTY MEMBERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Professor Jody L. Jensen (Kinesiology and Health Education), on behalf of the Faculty Council Executive Committee, submits the following panel of names for consideration by the President for appointment to the University of Texas Police Oversight Committee.

Notice is hereby given that this report will be presented to the Faculty Council for action at its meeting on March 6, 2017. At that meeting additional nominations may be made from the floor.



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The University of Texas Police Oversight Committee serves as the principal institutional channel of communication between members of the University community and the University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Their task is to ensure that the policies, practices, and operations of the UTPD promote the security and safety of the University community effectively and in ways respectful of our constitutional rights and consistent with the core values of the University.

Three faculty members serve on the committee who are chosen by the President to serve three-year staggered terms. Each spring, the Faculty Council Executive Committee solicits nominations from the General Faculty for appointment to the Police Oversight Committee. At least two nominations must be submitted for each vacant seat.

The present faculty composition of the committee is as follows:

Jill A. Marshall, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction (term expires August 31, 2017)  
Richard Hazeltine, Professor, Physics (term expires August 31, 2018)  
Mechele Dickerson, Professor, Law (term expires August 31, 2019)

The panel of faculty being nominated for appointment in 2017 for a three-year term is as follows:

1. Ariel E. Dulitzky, Clinical Professor, Law
2. Matthew T. Richardson, Associate Professor, English
3. Snehal A. Shingavi, Associate Professor, English

## **STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR UTPD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPRING 2017**

### **Ariel E. Dulitzky, Clinical Professor, Law**

I have devoted my professional practice and scholarship to promote, defend and study human rights, including issues related social and political problems underlying police abuses. I am a firm believer of the crucial role that UTPD plays in promoting security and safety of the University community effectively while respecting rights and consistent with the core values of UT. My experience as a human rights lawyer, practitioner and scholar could bring a different and positive perspective to the UTPD Oversight Committee: thinking about policing issues from a human rights framework.

### **Matthew T. Richardson, Associate Professor, English**

It is an honor to be considered for the oversight committee. The UTPD has a mandate to protect and serve everyone in the UT community. I would bring a black queer feminist perspective to what it means to carry out such a responsibility. I have heard students and faculty alike talk about not feeling safe accessing the services of the UTPD. In my capacity as a member of the oversight committee, I could help foster a stronger relationship between the UT police department and various segments of the community.

### **Snehal A. Shingavi, Associate Professor, English**

No statement received