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March 27, 2018

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

Enclosed for your consideration and action are the slates of nominees for three-year terms of appointment to the University of Texas at Austin Police Oversight Committee (D 16267 The Faculty Council approved the panels yesterday, March 26, 2018, on a no-protest basis. From the panel, you are to select one faculty member to serve from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2021.

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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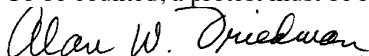
## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

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

Professor Steven D. Hoelscher (American Studies), 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.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by March 21, 2018.



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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:

Richard Hazeltine, Professor, Physics (term expires August 31, 2018)  
Mechele Dickerson, Professor, Law (term expires August 31, 2019)  
Ariel E. Duiltzky, Clinical Professor, Law (term expires August 31, 2020)

The panel of faculty being nominated for appointment in 2018 for a three-year term is as follows:

Diana R. Berry, Associate Professor, History  
Sarah Brayne, Assistant Professor, Sociology  
Harel Shapira, Assistant Professor, Sociology  
Emin T. Ulug, Senior Lecturer, Biology Instructional Office

## **STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR UTPD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPRING 2018**

### **Diana R. Berry, Associate Professor, History**

No statement received.

### **Sarah Brayne, Assistant Professor, Sociology**

I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve on the UTPD Oversight Committee because of my longstanding commitment to understanding and improving policing. For the past seven years, I have been conducting research on police use of big data. I am currently writing a book on the topic, based on years of fieldwork I conducted with the Los Angeles Police Department. On the committee, I hope to merge theory, practice, and original research to foster dialogue between stakeholders, promote the security and safety of the University community, promote police accountability, and protect the rights of individuals and communities the UTPD serves.

### **Harel Shapira, Assistant Professor, Sociology**

First off, I would want to serve on the committee out of a sense of deep care I have for our UT community. Having been recently promoted to Associate level, I am also looking forward to opportunities to participate more directly in governance dimensions and give back to the University which I now know will be my long-term home. Second, and related specifically to the UTPD Oversight Committee, my own research focuses broadly on gun culture in Texas, including governance issues regarding relations between civilians and police when it comes to firearms. I have spent significant time already conducting fieldwork with police officers and state officials across Texas and have a good rapport with this community. Given the recent passage of SB 11 the “Campus Carry” bill — and the increasing significance of firearms related issues when it comes to safety on campus — I believe my specific contribution to this committee would be in helping work with UTPD on making sure our policies regarding firearms are crafted and administered in a way that is focused on the safety and security of our community while also being democratic and attending to the concerns of our diverse community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any other information.

### **Emin T. Ulug, Senior Lecturer, Biology Instructional Office**

No statement received.