May 8, 2018

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

For your information, at yesterday’s special meeting, the 2018-19 Faculty Council elected its officers for next year (D 16547-16548). Listed below are the members of the Faculty Council Executive Committee.

Charlotte Canning, Elect and Professor, Theatre and Dance
Brian L. Evans, Chair Elect and Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Steven D. Hoelscher, Past Chair and Professor, American Studies
Alan W. Friedman, Secretary and Professor, English
James H. Cox, Graduate Assembly Chair and Associate Professor, English
Martha F. Hilley, Professor, Music
Cynthia A. Labrake, Distinguished Senior Lecturer, Chemistry
Christen Smith, Associate Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies, and Anthropology

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

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

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Enclosure

cc: Maurie McInnis, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carlos Martinez, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Susan Lamborghini, Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Cynthia M. Sanchez, Executive Assistant-Program Coordinator, Office of the President
Mayda R. Cruz, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Provost
Michelle George, Administrative Manager for Faculty Affairs, Provost’s Office
MOTION TO ADD WORDING TO FACULTY NOTIFICATION OF A STUDENT DROPPING A COURSE

On May 7, 2018, Professor Brian. L. Evans (Electrical and Computer Engineering) put forth a motion to the Faculty Council to add wording to the faculty notification of a student dropping a course. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Final approval resides with the President.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
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Background:
On April 17, 2018, a Daily Texan article offered an easy-to-implement idea to support the mental health of our students. The article suggested adding language to the notice about student well-being. When a student initiates a course drop with his/her college/school, the college/school would then notify the instructor(s).

The first and second paragraphs of the below proposed language were approved by Dean of Students and Counseling and Mental Health Center, respectively.

Motion:
Add the following wording to the instructor notification of a student initiating a course drop.

If you have any concerns about or for this or any member of our campus community, please call the Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL) at (512) 232-5050.

As a reminder, if a student is experiencing a mental health crisis, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) crisis line is available 24/7 at (512) 471-2255. Feel free to distribute this number to students.

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