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June 6, 2018

Dr. Alan Friedman, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council  
WMB 2.102 (F9500)

Dear Alan:

I write to give my approval for the proposed policy revision "Motion to Add Wording to Faculty Notification of a Student Dropping a Course," *Documents of the General Faculty D 16570*. On May 9, 2018, the proposal received the endorsement of executive vice president and provost Maurie McInnis, and I concur. Please proceed with the implementation of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory L. Fenves".

Gregory L. Fenves  
President

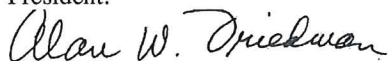
Enclosure

cc: Maurie McInnis, Executive Vice President and Provost  
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## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**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  
The University of Texas at Austin

Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**MOTION TO ADD WORDING TO FACULTY NOTIFICATION OF A STUDENT DROPPING A COURSE**Background:

On April 17, 2018, a *Daily Texan* article offered an easy-to-implement idea to support the mental health of our students.<sup>1</sup> 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.

Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site <https://wikis.utexas.edu/display/facultycouncil/Wiki+Home> on May 8, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dailytexanonline.com/2018/04/17/let%E2%80%99s-help-professors-help-struggling-students>