

AR 20: In support of Increased Funding for Eureka!

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WHEREAS, the mission of UT Austin is to achieve excellence in the interrelated areas of undergraduate education, graduate education, research, and public service; and,

WHEREAS, EUREKA! is a searchable database designed to support undergraduate participation in research and creative activity across campus; and,

WHEREAS, EUREKA! includes profiles for University of Texas at Austin faculty members that highlight their research interests and allow them to post openings for undergraduates on research projects; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the student body have concluded that EUREKA! needs significant improvement in areas such as general usability, automated profile updates, keyword-search matching mechanisms, browse options, visual design, and campus-wide marketing strategies; and;

WHEREAS, there is insufficient funding allocated for substantial updates to EUREKA! that would benefit the student body; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of Student Government to advocate for student benefit; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports additional funding for the School of Undergraduate Studies aimed at improving the EUREKA! research database; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Office of Undergraduate Research, School of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of Students, Dean Iverson, and *The Daily Texan*.