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TITLE: A Resolution Calling for Student Involvement in The University of Texas' Second Capital Campaign

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Section I – Background

WHEREAS, The Office of Resource Development at The University of Texas at Austin strives to raise private funds to support activities and initiatives at UT, and

WHEREAS, The Office of Resource Development fundraised "\$270 million"¹ in private donations in the past fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, A Capital Campaign is a multi-year fundraising initiative with the purpose of raising significant funds, and

WHEREAS, Between 1997 and 2004, the We're Texas Capital Campaign (The First Capital Campaign undertaken at UT-Austin) fundraised "\$1.63 billion - representing 520,000 contributions from 130,000 individuals, 7,300 corporations, and 600 foundations,"² and

WHEREAS, The We're Texas Capital Campaign was "the largest and most successful [campaign] ever for a university without a medical school,"³ and

WHEREAS, The money raised in the We're Texas Capital Campaign "has funded hundreds of new student scholarships; professorships and chairs to expand the faculty; campus enhancements; and research initiatives that push the frontiers of knowledge,"⁴ and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin is planning to announce its Second Capital Campaign during the 2008-2009 Academic Year, and

¹ 2007 UT State of the University Address, http://www.utexas.edu/events/sotu_address/2007/address.html

² UT Office of Resource Development, <http://www.utexas.edu/supportut/campaign/index.html>

³ UT Office of Resource Development, <http://www.utexas.edu/supportut/campaign/>

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Section II – Importance & Context

WHEREAS, The Commission of 125 recommends that The University of Texas at Austin “guide fundraising and the development of existing and new resources,”⁵ and

WHEREAS, The recommendations of the Commission of 125 require the “growth of and additional support for the Office of Resource Development,”⁶ and

WHEREAS, The success of the Second Capital Campaign will fundamentally affect students at The University of Texas at Austin, both past and present, and

WHEREAS, The success of the Second Capital Campaign will directly impact the amount of scholarships available to students, the creation and restoration of buildings, the ability of The University of Texas at Austin to offer competitive faculty salaries and graduate student stipends, among other things; therefore,

Section III – Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED, The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports student involvement in UT’s Second Capital Campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin supports the creation of a Student Coalition to directly assist the Office of Resource Development in the planning and implementation of UT’s Second Capital Campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this coalition will include broad representation of qualified students recruited by Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly, and college councils, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin reaffirms student commitment to advancing the goals and interests of The University, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin acknowledges the importance of the upcoming Capital Campaign and the need for increased student philanthropy, and

Section IV: Recommendations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to President William Powers, Provost Steven Leslie, Vice-President of Resource Development Richard Eason, Vice-President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez, Vice-President for Public Affairs Don Hale, Dean of Student Soncia Reagins-Lilly, The University

⁵ Commission of 125 Report, <http://www.utexas.edu/com125/UTComm125Report.pdf>

⁶ Commission of 125 Report, <http://www.utexas.edu/com125/UTComm125Report.pdf>

of Texas Development Board, Marts & Lundy Consulting Group, and College-Specific Development Offices.