



Student Government

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

1 University Station, A6210 • Austin, TX 78712-0180 • 512-471-3166 • Fax: 512-471-3408

<http://www.utsg.org>

Passed by the Assembly
Unanimously 11/3/09

AR 23 In Support of a UT Fine Arts Initiative

Authors: Representatives Emily Benigno, Carly Castetter, and Jason Wang
Sponsors: Representatives Emily Benigno, Nathan Bunch, Carly Castetter, Matt Daley Sydney Fazende, Alex Ferraro, Madison Gardner, Alex Greenberg, Andy Jones, Jake Lewis, Shannon Mann, Tarryn O'Dell, Melessa Rodriguez, Johanna Spencer, Chad Stanton, Sarah Stroube, Jimmy Talarico, and Jason Wang

WHEREAS, Museums promote cultural understanding and diversity of ideas; and

WHEREAS, Austin houses many museums and art venues that hosts the work of world-class artists and intellectuals; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin aims to expose its students into art and social engagement in the Austin community; and (1)

WHEREAS, Arts education plays a vital role in "intellectual, personal, and social development"; and (2)

Other Institutions:

WHEREAS, Rice University has a program entitled Passport to Houston, allowing Rice students free or discounted admission to certain museums and art venues in Houston; and (3)

WHEREAS, Passport to Houston has negotiated a set, discounted rate for entrance fees for which the University has allocated \$9000; and (3)

WHEREAS, Rice University negotiated their heavily-discounted rate under the stipulation of a large student audience; and

WHEREAS, Passport to Houston also receives free or heavily-discounted tickets from other programs hoping to fill seats; and

WHEREAS, The Music Department at the University of North Texas acquires free tickets to concerts at the Meyerson Symphony Center and other music venues; and (4)

WHEREAS, Many major local events in Austin already attempt to reach out to students at The University of Texas at Austin, such as the Austin Asian American Film Festival, South by Southwest, and the Austin Chocolate Festival,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin supports the establishment of a program that would encourage students to explore the fine arts community in Austin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this program would allow students discounted rates to fine arts venues which would otherwise be prohibitively costly, and therefore discouraging to students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this program would be able to promote large events to the entire student body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The University of Texas at Austin incorporate this program within the Office of the Dean of Students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of the Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

1. http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/strategic_list.php
2. <http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative/updates/040826.html>
3. E-mail correspondence between Jason Wang, Emily Benigno and Boyd Beckwith -Assistant Dean/Director Student Center and Campus-Wide Programs at the University of Rice.
4. <http://music.unt.edu/about>