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### In Support of the Core Values of UT Football Coach Charlie Strong

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of  
2 Texas at Austin; and,  
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4 **WHEREAS,** sexual assault and domestic violence incidents by professional and collegiate  
5 athletes are being drawn into the national spotlight with increasing frequency<sup>1 2</sup>;  
6 and,  
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8 **WHEREAS,** Coach Strong's five main values: honesty, treating women with respect, no guns,  
9 no drugs, and no stealing are of utmost importance when representing the  
10 University of Texas at Austin on any level<sup>3</sup>; and,

1 <http://www.wpr.org/student-athletes-commit-rape-sexual-assaults-more-often-peers>

2 <http://fivethirtyeight.com/datalab/the-rate-of-domestic-violence-arrests-among-nfl-players/>

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12 **WHEREAS,** several Universities have similar values and policies; however, Coach Strong's  
13 commitment to enforcing these values have garnered the recognition of the  
14 national media and even brought a visit from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell  
15 regarding Coach Strong's Core Values<sup>3</sup>; and,  
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17 **WHEREAS,** Coach Strong's commitment to increasing achievement on and off the field is  
18 shown by his methods to bolster high graduation rates for the students in the  
19 programs he oversees; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS,** during Coach Strong's term as head coach in Louisville, he took an active role in  
22 ensuring that his players attended class and after his first 3 years in Louisville,  
23 93 of Strong's 98 players had graduated<sup>4</sup>; and,  
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25 **WHEREAS,** Coach Strong's firm commitment to drug abstinence is demonstrated by the total  
26 of 188 drug tests administered to the football players during the first 8 months of  
27 Coach Strong's term in comparison to the average of 104 drug tests administered  
28 annually from 2010 to 2013<sup>5</sup>; and,  
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30 **WHEREAS,** although Coach Strong has drawn the national spotlight for dismissing nine  
31 players, including the dismissal of 2 starters, from the football team who violated  
32 his rules, Coach Strong's concern for the players' personal and academic well-  
33 being even off the team exhibits his commitment to the students<sup>6</sup>; and,  
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35 **WHEREAS,** the UT Board of Regents passed a unanimous statement supporting UT Austin's  
36 head football coach Charlie Strong and his "unwavering commitment to  
37 teaching, cultivating, supporting, and demanding outstanding character, strong  
38 moral fiber and high core values in the young men he is charged to lead and  
39 teach"<sup>7</sup>; and,  
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41 **WHEREAS,** the University of Texas at Austin strives to be the best University; and,  
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43 **WHEREAS,** the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin advocates for the  
44 core values of Coach Strong; and,  
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin understands  
47 the significance of instilling the important core values in students at the  
48 university; and,

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<sup>3</sup> [burntorangenation.com/football/2014/10/6/6919837/texas-board-of-regents-endorsement-charlie-strong-core-values](http://burntorangenation.com/football/2014/10/6/6919837/texas-board-of-regents-endorsement-charlie-strong-core-values)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.mystatesman.com/news/sports/college-football/texas-football-team-drug-testing-rate-doubles-unde/nhTN9/?icmp=statesman\\_internallink\\_textlink\\_apr2013\\_statesmanstbtomystatesman\\_launch&\\_\\_federated=1](http://www.mystatesman.com/news/sports/college-football/texas-football-team-drug-testing-rate-doubles-unde/nhTN9/?icmp=statesman_internallink_textlink_apr2013_statesmanstbtomystatesman_launch&__federated=1)

<sup>5</sup> <https://texas.rivals.com/content.asp?CID=1594700>

<sup>6</sup> [www.mystatesman.com/news/sports/college-football/texas-football-team-drug-testing-rate-doubles-unde/nhTN9/](http://www.mystatesman.com/news/sports/college-football/texas-football-team-drug-testing-rate-doubles-unde/nhTN9/)

<sup>7</sup> <http://texas.scout.com/story/1454501-details-of-kennedy-estelle-s-dismissal>

<sup>8</sup> <https://twitter.com/mikefinger/status/518174865728503808/photo/1>

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin  
52 commends the efforts of Coach Strong to bring about the  
53 implementation of new standards and a culture shift in collegiate  
54 athletics by making UT a national leader in this aspect; and,

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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President,  
57 the Office of the Athletic Director, Head Football Coach Charlie  
58 Strong, *The Daily Texan*, and *The Horn*.