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**[1] Whereas**

the University of Texas at Austin directory is located online at <http://www.utexas.edu> and is currently accessible worldwide from any computer with internet capabilities.

**[2] Whereas**

student information available in the directory can be accessed by any public individual, including those not associated in any way with the UT community.

**[3] Whereas**

student information including name, e-mail address, school/college, major, classification, home phone number, and home address currently all appear online on the directory.

**[4] Whereas**

the Graduate Student Assembly passed Assembly Resolution 5 titled "A Resolution Concerning Student Privacy Options for Personal Information" on April 29, 2002.

**[5] Whereas**

the Senate of College Councils passed Senate Resolution 102 titled "A Resolution Concerning Student Privacy Options For Personal Information" on September 26, 2002.

**[6] Whereas**

the Student Government assembly passed Assembly Resolution 4 titled "Recognizing the Accessibility of the UT Student Online Directory as a Student Safety Concern and Supporting the Enhancement of Directory Security" on April 22, 2003.

**[7] Whereas**

the substantive changes of the online UT Directory requested in the Graduate Student Assembly, Senate of College Councils, and Student Government Resolutions, to our knowledge, have not yet taken place.

[8] **Whereas** the current University system of privacy does not accommodate the need for multiple levels and options of security to support varying students' privacy needs.

[9] **Whereas**

each of the Senate of College Councils, Graduate Student Assembly, and Student Government Resolutions advocate various tiers of security of directory information available to different users. Tiers previously cited include groups of individuals within the UT community and the general public.

[10] **Whereas** individuals within the University of Texas at Austin administration have, since April 2002, recognized the need for directory privacy and have initiated a process to change the directory access system.

[11] **Therefore Be It Resolved**

that Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin recognizes that changes with Federal law (FERPA), limitations to manpower, and previously scheduled improvements to technology make the process of changing the online university directory complicated.

[12] **Be It Further Resolved** that Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin continues to emphasize the importance of the need for changes in the current system of free public access to the online directory to increase students' privacy options.

[13] **Be It Further Resolved**

that Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin continues to highlight the need for varying levels of privacy selectable by students.

[14] **Be It Further Resolved** that the Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin asks for an increased level of student privacy, with varying tiers of information, by the beginning of the Fall 2007 long semester. Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin further recognizes that the Fall 2007 semester is more than 5 years since the first formal request by student leadership to make changes to the online university directory.

[15] **Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution and the previous Graduate Student Assembly, Senate of College Councils, and Student Government Resolutions be sent to the Vice President for Information Technology Services, the Director of ITS Enterprise Information Services, the Interim Registrar, the Associate Registrar for Student Academic Records, Transcripts, and Diplomas, and the Director of Office of the Registrar Student Information Systems.

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## Footnotes

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