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Consent

**AR 37 In Support of a Extended Orientation Emergency Response
Module**

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WHEREAS, School safety has become a top national issue in the recent year¹; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin has been on lockdown two times in the last three years^{2 3}; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin has a number of emergency response resources including, but not limited to, UTPD, UHS, BCAL, and campus text messaging emergency alerts; and,

WHEREAS, Many University of Texas students and parents expressed mass confusion and a lack of knowledge of emergency response resources during the two recent lockdowns situations⁴; and,

WHEREAS, All students enrolling at the University of Texas at Austin must complete an orientation⁵; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Dean of Students' website, "all entering Fall freshman students are required to complete a series of online modules prior to attending orientation."⁶

WHEREAS, According to the Dean of Students' website, "these modules contain information essential to your transition to the university."⁷

WHEREAS, The Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin believes that emergency preparedness is essential information to students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin supports the implementation of a pre-orientation emergency early fall extended orientation response module; and,

¹ <http://www.gallup.com/poll/159584/parents-fear-children-safety-school-rises-slightly.aspx>

² http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20017865-504083.html

³ <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/09/14/university-texas-orders-evacuation-citing-threats/>

⁴ Communication with David Crock, Director of Emergency Preparedness

⁵ <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/nss/>

⁶ All entering Fall freshman students are required to complete a series of online modules prior to attending orientation

⁷ <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/nss/preomodule.php>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the module informs students of the locations of essential safety resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of the President, the Department of Campus Safety and Security, and the Orientation Planning Committee.