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**AR 24** **Voicing adamant support from the University of Texas at Austin student body for a voting student member on the UT System Board of Regents**

WHERE AS: The University of Texas System Board of Regents is the governing board of The University of Texas System and administers policies that affect the fifteen component institutions of The University of Texas System.

WHERE AS: The mission of the University of Texas System is to "provide high-quality educational opportunities for the enhancement of the human resources of Texas, the nation, and the world through intellectual and personal growth."

WHERE AS: Student membership is absent from the deliberations of the standing, special, and *ad hoc* committee of the University of Texas System Board of Regents and these committees consider policies of the utmost importance to students of The University of Texas System.

WHERE AS: Student membership and an equal student perspective are vital aspects missing in the general board meetings of the UT System Board of Regents, when crucial votes are cast that affect, directly or indirectly, over 180,000 students across the UT System.

WHERE AS: Forty states and the District of Columbia recognize that student representation on the governing boards of their respective institutions is a vital component to the administration of education in an equitable and prudent manner, and subsequently these states have added a student to the membership of these boards.

WHERE AS: According to a report by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, Texas is ranked fourth in total number of higher education institutions in the nation, yet is disproportionately among the lowest in the amount of student representation on the governing boards of those institutions.

WHERE AS: The UT System Board of Regents has final decision-making authority on the majority of issues that involved the University of Texas System, including new fees, hiring and firing of faculty, academic policies, campus building plans, as well as general student life issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The University of Texas at Austin Student Government strongly supports and urges the addition of a student member, afforded the same rights and privileges of the current Board members, to the University of Texas System Board of Regents.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The UT-Austin Student Government will, upon passage, distribute copies of this resolution to President Faulkner, senior administrators, each of the other fourteen UT System institutions, members of the Texas Legislature, the UT System Board of Regents, and the *Daily Texan*.

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