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AR 26: In Support of Creating Veteran Liaisons In Each College

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WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Austin has shown its solid commitment to serving the student veteran population by creating Student Veteran Services in the Office of the Dean of Students; and

WHEREAS, The Coordinator for Student Veteran Services, Benjamin Armstrong, currently contacts every veteran and dependent admitted and helps them apply for veteran education benefits and navigate the university's various institutions; and

WHEREAS, As a means of better serving veterans, the Coordinator for Student Veterans and the Student Veterans Association have identified areas in need of improvement in each college and school at the university; and

WHEREAS, Currently there is not a system in place to address academic concerns that arise during the adjustment process that each veteran undergoes while transitioning from military service, and veterans must address these issues with advising staff that are not familiar with transitioning veterans; and

WHEREAS, There is little or no cost to require each college and school within the university to designate a Veteran Liaison Advisor, who would work with the

Coordinator for Student Veterans Services to resolve any academic issues that may arise; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That each college and school designate a veteran liaison to serve veterans and resolve academic concerns that arise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the veteran liaisons will be housed within the Office of the Dean in each college and school and work in coordination with the Coordinator for Student Veterans Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each veteran liaison will attend a training session to acquaint them with veteran specific issues as prescribed by the Coordinator for Student Veterans Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to all college deans, Gage Paine, Vice President for Student Affairs; Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Douglas Garrard, Senior Associate Dean of Students