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AR 31: In Support of Implementing Greater Security Measures at the Art Building and Visual Arts Center

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WHEREAS, The Department of Art and Art History is comprised of 553 undergraduate and 187 graduate students¹ that frequently use the ceramics, drawing and painting, metals, photography, printmaking, sculpture, transmedia, and woodshop studios/labs until the early morning hours; and,

WHEREAS, students have voiced concerns regarding their safety in the studios and labs within the buildings late at night, as well as a concern regarding who has access to the buildings and studios late at night²; and,

WHEREAS, the Art Building and Visual Arts Center are located near the East Campus area, which has seen an increase in crime rate over the past 5 years³⁴; and,

WHEREAS, other school facilities open at late hours, such as the School of Architecture and McCombs Business School, have employed security measures such as proximity card readers for access into the building and by having only one entrance open after 11pm, respectively⁵⁶⁷; and,

WHEREAS, allowing access to the Art Building and Visual Arts Center solely for registered faculty, students, and staff would allow for a safer study and work environment, as well as reduce the crime rate in the East Campus area; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin strongly encourages the implementation of greater security measures at the Art Building and Visual Arts Center; and,

¹ "Current and Prospective Students." College of Fine Arts - Department of Art and Art History. College of Fine Arts, n.d. Web. <<http://www.finearts.utexas.edu/aah/students/index.cfm>>.

² De La Cruz, Bernadette. "College of Fine Arts Student Survey." Survey. 22 January 2011.

³ "East Campus Crime Rates Continue To Rise." Daily Texan 25 03 2010, Print.

⁴ "Daily Crime Log." Police Department. N.p., 01 21 2011. Web. 29 Jan 2011. <<http://www.utexas.edu/police/crimelog/>>.

⁵ "What Is a Proximity Card?." Information and Technology Services. The University of Texas at Austin, 2010. Web. <<http://www.utexas.edu/its/help/campus-security-systems/137>>

⁶ Information Technology Vision Plan AY 2009-2010 ." Project to Enhance Student and Property Safety – Phase I (2009): 5. Web. 23 Jan 2011. <<https://www.utexas.edu/provost/planning/itac/09-10/Architecture%20Vision%20Plan%20for%202009-10.pdf>>.

⁷ De La Cruz, Bernadette. "art building legislation draft." Message to Adam Hagerman. 29 01 2011. E-mail

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it be left up to the discretion of the Deans of the College of Fine Arts, Department Chair, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, and other staff members as needed to determine the best way to implement additional security measures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be delivered to the Vice President and Associate Vice Presidents for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, the Deans of the College of Fine Arts, The Chair of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, and Associate Vice President for University Operations.