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Section 1: Biographical Information

Whereas Tany Norwood graduated at The University of Texas with a degree in Psychology in 1975 and began working at the University in 1981.

Whereas Tany has served as the Assistant Dean of Students.

Whereas Tany has contributed remarkable support and effort for all student initiatives in her role as the Student Governance Financial Advisor from 1981 to 1990 and as the Student Government Financial Advisor since 2001.

Whereas in the 1990's, Tany left the UT campus to work in governmental relations at the UT system and then helped launch AmeriCorps in Texas by serving both Governor Ann Richards and George W. Bush from 1994 to 1997.

Whereas in 1999, Tany Norwood served as the Interim Director of Campus and Community Involvement and Interim Director of New Student Services.

Whereas Tany received the Margaret C. Berry Award in the Spring of 2003 for Outstanding Contributions to Student Life, Sponsored by the Eyes of Texas.

Whereas Tany is a member of the UT System Chancellor's Council.

Whereas the Friar society, the oldest and most prestigious organization at the University of Texas at Austin, created an award to recognize outstanding contribution to student life made by a staff member or an administrator. The annual award is to be named the Tany Norwood Award after the organization's long-time Advisor.

Section 2: Anecdotal

Whereas Tany is famous for rescuing stray animals as shown when she stopped in the middle of US Highway 183 one day to rescue a stray cat resulting in her skinned knees and a new home for the cat.

Whereas Tany provided money to a student who was being evicted in order to prevent their eviction.

Whereas Tany frequently shared Round Rock Yellow donuts with colleagues and students during work days and Student Government meetings.

Whereas Tany donated money to the Friar's Society to help host one of their annual receptions at a time when they did not have enough finances to actually host the reception.

Whereas Tany has opened her home for the Dean of Students office retreats, student organization meetings, international students visiting the University, and always provides some free food and/or drink.

Whereas Tany regularly hosted the 4th of July parties on her deck allowing guests to view Carlos and Charlie's fireworks from the comfort of her house.

Whereas when Student Government members approached Tany in order to form a response to the Texas A&M Bonfire tragedy, she replied quickly with "We'll find a way to do that".

Whereas on the day of September 11, 2001, student leader Matt Hammond turned to the support of Tany Norwood in organizing a commemorative ceremony for 11/9 events. Tany Norwood and Tom Dison championed the student support for the memorial event despite administrators wishing to cancel the event due to possible threats.

Whereas although Tany lives an hour and a half away from the UT campus, she still attends work on time each day and stays for Student Government meetings which at some points will last until 1am.

Section 3: Personal

Whereas Tany has witnessed students in their stay at the University beginning with their Orientation to Commencement in working within the Dean of Students Office.

Whereas Tany has not only been a source of compassion for faculty members, but the ultimate source to find aspirin or cold medicine.

Whereas Tany's profound love for chocolate is extended towards the student body as she provides an abundance of candy in her office daily.

Whereas Tany has been described by others as someone who is balanced and level-headed and reported to be the best boss to ever work for.

Whereas among many of Tany's talents and gifts, she writes amazing eulogies, recommendation letters, and policy statements. She is a true wordsmith.

Whereas Tany always gives a person her undivided attention and truly embodies fairness and respect to everyone equally.

Whereas Tany Norwood is considered both a friend and family member to the students, faculty, and staff members of the UT campus.

Whereas all of the accomplishments of Student Government during Tany's years of service are a direct result of her support for students and their initiatives which include the Student on the Board of Regents Initiative, the Gender and Sexuality Center, the Entertainment Bus, Two-year tuition planning, and online voting for Student Government elections.

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin is forever indebted to Tany's unselfish devotion and service. In recognition of her continued contribution we hereby officially designate Tany Norwood the Student Government Advisor Emeritus.

Be it Further Resolved that the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin recognizes Tany Norwood as a lifetime ex-officio member of the Assembly.

Be It Further Resolved that the students and community of the University of Texas at Austin expresses utmost gratitude and appreciation for Tany Norwood as an Advisor to all students in her unending ability to empower students throughout the years.