



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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**A.R. 16 Requesting that the Travis County Attorney, Ken Oden, drop the charges against the ten students arrested in connection with Asian American Studies Program.**

**Whereas: The University of Texas at Austin administration promised in 1995 to start the Asian American Studies Program, and**

**Whereas: In the spring of 1999, a hiring committee with student representation was formed to make a recommendation for position of Director of the Asian American Studies Program, and**

**Whereas: The University of Texas at Austin administration decided against offering the directorship position to the hiring committee's top choice, and**

**Whereas: Students requested an explanation for the actions of the administration and no response was given, and**

**Whereas: Students gathered at the West Mall building to peacefully promote more student input in the hiring process, and**

**Whereas: Ten students were arrested, in accordance with University policy, even though they posed no real or perceived threat to the university, and**

**Whereas: The ten students arrested could receive punishment, potentially several months in jail and large fines, consequences which hardly fit the "offense", and**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin, on behalf of the student body, requests the Travis County Attorney, Ken Oden, to drop the charges against the ten students arrested in connection with the Asian American Studies Program.**

**Sponsored by: Representatives Davis (Liberal Arts) and Quintanilla (One Year at Large).**

**This resolution passed the Student Assembly's Summer Coordinating Committee with a vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Opielą".

**Eric Opielą  
President of the Student Assembly of the  
University of Texas at Austin**