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In Support of Student-led Efforts to Raise Campus Awareness and Help Stop the Oppressive History of Racism and Sexism from Repeating Itself at UT Austin

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- WHEREAS,** The Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin serves as the official voice of students; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin advocates for the core values of integrity, diversity, and community; and,
- WHEREAS,** The University of Texas at Austin prides itself as a bastion of progress, committed to fostering a learning environment safe for anyone regardless of physical appearance, belief, or cultural background; and,
- WHEREAS,** Student-led efforts by the Society for Cultural Unity to combat the intolerance and prejudice that foster a discriminatory academic environment have produced materials titled "WE HAVE THE POWER"; and,
- WHEREAS,** This student-led effort aims to reform each Cultural Diversity flagged class through the implementation of archives from the past 75 years which document racism and sexism at UT Austin; and,
- WHEREAS,** This student-led effort seeks to demonstrate an undeniable linear connection between historical and current prejudice; and,

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.696180890491228.1073741828.670599043049413&type=3>

WHEREAS, The stated mission of each Cultural Diversity flagged class is to explore the persistent marginalization of various cultural groups; and,

WHEREAS, The educational materials in this effort uniquely incorporate archives from UT Austin's own libraries while helping UT more effectively comply with federal guidelines to aid students in realizing an academic environment free from all forms of discrimination²³; and,

WHEREAS, Such student-led efforts aim to make all students who graduate from our university more aware of how their actions reflect on the history of the University of Texas; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin understands the significance of instilling these important core values in students at the university through these student-led efforts to implement such educational materials in each Cultural Diversity flagged class; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Student Government that racially targeted assaults⁴⁵ and culturally insensitive events⁶⁷ thrown by UT students have become a pattern in student life culture⁸; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin commends and supports the efforts of this student-led movement to bring about the implementation of new standards of cultural diversity and a culture shift in UT classrooms while making UT a national leader in this aspect; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, These archives will be included in a pamphlet distributed to the students of each Cultural Diversity flagged class; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The pamphlets of the reformed Cultural Diversity flagged classes will also include detailed instructions for reporting sexual and racial assault related crimes to the school administration; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Members of the Student Government Student Affairs Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Agency, Queer Students Alliance, Women's Resource Agency, and Disabilities Inclusion Agency will monitor the creation of the pamphlet; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, *The Daily Texan*, and *The Horn*.

² <http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/cor/coord/ixlegal.php#IV>. Discriminatory Conduct

³ <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=97&page=transcript>

⁴ <http://america.aljazeera.com/watch/shows/the-stream/the-stream-officialblog/2013/8/23/-bleach-bombs-reemergeatutaustin.html>

⁵ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/04/bleach-balloons-university-of-texas_n_1939170.html

⁶ http://takingnote.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/11/19/the-catch-an-illegal-immigrant-game/?_r=0

⁷ <http://college.usatoday.com/2015/02/13/texas-students-rally-as-fallout-over-border-patrol-party-continues/>

⁸ <http://www.dailytexanonline.com/2015/03/02/fiji-border-patrol-party-did-not-violate-university-rules-administrators-say>