



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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**AR 23 Expressing Fervent Opposition to Tuition Deregulation**

WHEREAS: Presently the Texas Legislature sets tuition for the UT System, while the Board of Regents sets fees;

WHEREAS: Tuition deregulation would transfer authority over setting tuition from the Texas Legislature to the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS: President Faulkner, Chancellor Yudof and Regent Chairman Miller have expressed their intent to make tuition deregulation a priority for the 2003 Texas Legislature;

WHEREAS: According to the *State of Texas Constitution*, the Texas Legislature is comprised of democratically elected positions (31 in the Senate and 150 in the House of Representatives) that are directly accountable to a constituency;

WHEREAS: According to the *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System for the Government of the University of Texas System*, the Board of Regents is comprised of nine appointed members, who are not democratically elected and not accountable to a constituency;

WHEREAS: In 2002 the Board of Regents attempted to levy the largest fee increase in UT history, later deemed illegal by the Texas Attorney General;

WHEREAS: Since 1970, UT System tuition has increased 186.3% while student fees have increased 581.5% for Liberal Arts and 640.6% for Natural Sciences students at UT-Austin (the two largest colleges)\*;

WHEREAS: In the *Daily Texan* article, dated December 13, 2002, Senator Barrientos, the Texas State Senator for District 14, which includes the University of Texas at Austin main campus, stated that he would like to hear from the University of Texas students regarding tuition deregulation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin, the official voice for student body concerns, establishes their adamant opposition to tuition deregulation.