April 16, 2009

Dr. Sue Greninger
Secretary
The General Faculty and Faculty Council
WMB 2.102 (F9500)

Dear Sue:

I write to acknowledge reception of the Faculty Council Resolution to Adopt a Bicycle Friendly Policy on the UT Campus (D 6889). Campus facilities and transportation are under Vice President Patricia Clubb and I am forwarding the resolution to Dr. Clubb for her consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Powers, Jr.
President

WP/am

cc: Dr. Steve Leslie, Executive Vice President and Provost
Dr. Pat Clubb, Vice President for University Operations
Dr. Charles Roecke, Deputy to the President
Dr. David Hillis, Chair, Faculty Council
Mr. Gordon Novak, Chair, Parking and Traffic Policies Committee
Ms. Deborah Roberts, Executive Assistant, Office of the General Faculty
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BICYCLE FRIENDLY POLICY ON THE UT CAMPUS

On behalf of the Parking and Traffic Policies Committee, Professor Gordon Novak (computer sciences and committee chair) submitted the resolution below to adopt a bicycle friendly policy on the UT campus. The committee unanimously approved the bicycle resolution. The secretary of the Faculty Council has classified it as general legislation.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The Faculty Council

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Resolution: UT should adopt the following policy:

It is the policy of UT that planning and construction of facilities on the UT campus shall include the provision of usable and reasonable bicycle routes to and within campus, without obstacles inhibiting bicycle use, and providing adequate bicycle parking. The facilities should inform bicyclists that they must yield to pedestrians.

It is the intention that "usable and reasonable" includes:

1. Dismount zones should be considered only after all other alternatives have been explored. A dismount zone should be limited in distance and should only be used if other options for safe and effective pedestrian and bicycle intersections are infeasible. Where possible, UT will provide parallel bicycle routes to allow cyclists to travel around pedestrian-only areas.

2. Bike routes shall involve no detours that are long or uphill. Cyclists should not have to detour more than 100 meters on each end, compared to a direct route. A detour should not require a cyclist to climb a significant hill.

3. Bike routes shall be based on actual traffic and go where people want to go, i.e., there must be reasonable bike routes to and within the heart of campus where most of the traffic is.


1 The legislation was revised on March 20, 2009.