November 18, 2014

President William Powers, Jr.
The University of Texas at Austin
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Campus Mail Code: G3400

Dear President Powers:

For your information, at yesterday's Faculty Council meeting, the Council amended and endorsed the enclosed resolution urging the reinstatement of Steven Salaita at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (D 11944-11945).

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary
The General Faculty and Faculty Council

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Enclosure

xc:  Gregory Fenves, provost
     Carol Longoria, assistant deputy to the president
RESOLUTION TO URGE THE REINSTATEMENT OF STEVEN SALAITA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Snehal A. Shingavi (assistant professor, English) has submitted the following resolution to urge the reinstatement of Steven Salaita at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The resolution will be considered by the Faculty Council at its meeting on November 17, 2014.

Following is the revised resolution for your consideration. An email response to the Office of The General Faculty by 5:00 P.M. should reflect a positive or negative vote.

Dean Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on November 3, 2014.
RESOLUTION TO URGE THE REINSTATEMENT OF STEVEN SALAITA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

University of Texas at Austin Faculty Council
Submitted by: Professors Barbara Harlow (English), Jim Cox (English), and Snehal Shingavi (English)

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Council of the University of Texas, Austin calls on the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign to overturn their decision and rehire Professor Steven Salaita, and

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Council of the University of Texas, Austin reaffirms its commitment to freedom of speech, academic freedom, and faculty governance in public education, and

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Council of the University of Texas at Austin stands with the Campus Faculty Association of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and supports its call on the UIUC Chancellor and Board of Trustees to overturn their decision and rehire Professor Steven Salaita, and

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Council of the University of Texas, Austin supports those organizations and individuals who are taking requisite steps to urge the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign to rehire Professor Salaita.

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1 On November 17, 2014, the Faculty Council voted to amend the resolution omitting the preamble.