April 14, 2015

William Powers Jr.
President
The University of Texas at Austin
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Dear President Powers:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is the slate of nominees for three-year terms of appointment to the University of Texas Police Oversight Committee (D 12173), which was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting yesterday, April 13, 2015.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding these recommendations.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dean Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Enclosure
DPN:dlr

xc: Gregory Fenves, executive vice president and provost
   Carol Longoria, assistant deputy to the president

ec: William Beckner, chair, 2014-2015 Faculty Council
Statements for UTPD Oversight Committee (D 11513):

Richard Hazeltine, professor, physics
I am willing to serve on the UTPD Oversight Committee. I view this appointment as an opportunity to learn about an important facet of UT operations and to serve the University community.

Snehal Shingavi, assistant professor, English
I’m writing to indicate to my interest in serving on the UTPD Oversight Committee. As someone who works on issues related to student activism, Islamophobia/national security, and race more generally, I think that I might bring the necessary perspectives to the table. It is my hope that I can help improve the relationship between the UTPD and the campus more broadly.

Sharon Strover, professor, radio-television-film
No statement received.

Mairah Wade, associate professor, anthropology
Communication between the various UT constituencies and the University of Texas Police Department is essential. UTPD’s reach and range of activities necessitate that other perspectives be considered to ensure that policies and implemented practices conform, as closely as possible, to the mission and values of the university. For these reasons participation of faculty is important, as faculty interact constantly with three of the largest UT constituencies: students, staff and other faculty. Faculty members take the pulse of the university in unique ways that derive from their daily experiences as instructors and as ‘campus dwellers.’ They can communicate such perspectives to UTPD and help balance essential security needs with care and respect. After all, perception is nine-tenths of reality.
I have no particular aptitude for this committee except for my concern for security issues particularly those relating to disabilities, gender and now weapons on campus. I think I have two advantages: I am an information ‘junkie,’ and because of my background, I often benefit from a less than parochial point of view.
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Dear President Powers:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is the slate of nominees for appointment to the University Co-op Board of Directors (D 12132), which was approved by the Faculty Council yesterday.

From the University Co-op Board of Directors’ slate, you are to choose one to serve a four-year term beginning September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2019. Also included is a statement from each of the candidates to assist in your decision.

George Mitchell, University Co-op president, has requested that the appointment for the board be made as soon as possible so that the new member will be able to attend the last Co-op board meeting, which occurs in April. In recent years, the new board members have been included in these events so that they may become familiar with board operations and their new responsibilities in a much more timely manner. This facilitates a smoother transition not only for the new faculty member, but also improves board functioning.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding these recommendations.

Dean Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Enclosures
DPN:dfr

xc: Gregory Fenves, executive vice president and provost
    Carol Longoria, assistant deputy to the president

Electronic copy: Andrea Gore, chair, 2015-16 Faculty Council
Statements from 2015 Co-op Board of Directors Candidates:

Shelley M. Payne, professor, Department of Molecular Biosciences
I am pleased to be considered for the University Co-op Board of Directors. The Co-op is an important part of the University Community, and the Board represents the interests of the entire community. I would be honored to serve.

Garrett P. Sonnier, Department of Marketing Administration
Garrett Sonnier is currently an Associate Professor of Marketing at the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. He has taught the MBA core course in Marketing Management as well as elective courses in Marketing Analytics and Business and the Natural Environment. He has won numerous awards for his teaching, including the 2014 CBA Foundation Teaching Excellence Award for Assistant Professors at McCombs. Garrett earned his PhD in Management Science in 2006 from the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management. Prior to UCLA, he worked for 5 years in the Corporate Planning Department at Toyota Motor Sales, USA. Garrett’s research focuses on product and brand management as well as the effect of online marketing. His work has been published in Marketing Science, Journal of Marketing Research, and Quantitative Marketing and Economics. His 2012 Journal of Marketing Research article on paid search advertising was named a finalist for the prestigious Paul E. Green award, given annually to the article in JMR deemed to have the most potential to contribute significantly to the practice of marketing research.

Jo Lynn Westbrook, professor, School of Information
The Co-op Board’s responsibilities reach into the University’s heritage, scholarly pursuits, and student life. Creative use of social media for the Gone to Texas program goes hand-in-hand with reflective construction of the Co-op’s resources. The Board’s impact speaks to all the best at UT. I’d be honored to participate in this work.