May 7, 2015

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

For your information, the Faculty Council unanimously endorsed the enclosed resolution written in honor of Secretary Dean P. Neikirk (D 12288) at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Debbie Roberts
Executive Assistant

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Enclosure

xc:  Gregory Fenves, provost
ec:  Carol Longoria, assistant deputy to the president
DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

RESOLUTION FOR SECRETARY DEAN P. NEIKIRK

In recognition of Secretary Dean P. Neikirk (professor, electrical and computer engineering) and on behalf of the Faculty Council Executive Committee, Past Chair Hillary Hart (distinguished senior lecturer, civil, architectural, and environmental engineering) submitted the following resolution. The Faculty Council will endorse the resolution at its meeting on May 6, 2015.

Dean Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

RESOLUTION FOR SECRETARY DEAN P. NEIKIRK

The Faculty Council of the University of Texas at Austin wishes to honor Dean P. Neikirk for his stellar service as a leader of faculty governance institutions and initiatives over many years. Dean has been an important part of the leadership of Faculty Council for the past six years, including his service as Secretary of the General Faculty for the past two years and Faculty Council Chair 2010-11. Starting in 2002 and continuing to the present, Dean has served on at least 6 standing committees. Dean’s careful reading of the General Faculty and Faculty Council by-laws has clarified many murky areas of the governance process, including correcting previously misinterpreted procedures. As Secretary, he has strengthened the production of timely and accurate memorial resolutions for faculty, keeping us aware of their past contributions.

We thank you Dean for your thoughtful work in championing fair, transparent, and empowered faculty governance.

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on April 30, 2015.
ties are shown for how they influence the system during the development process. The position of

The system is modeled as a series of interconnected nodes, each representing a specific aspect of the system. The connections between nodes are indicated by arrows, showing the flow of information or influence.

Figure 1: System Model Diagram

The model includes inputs, processing stages, and outputs. The inputs are sourced from external environments, and the outputs are fed back into the system, affecting the inputs and processing stages.

From the model, it is clear that the system's behavior is highly dependent on the interactions between its components. Understanding these interactions is crucial for effective system design and management.

Figure 2: Interconnected System Components

The model highlights the importance of considering the system as a whole, rather than focusing on individual components separately. This holistic approach allows for a more comprehensive understanding of the system's behavior and performance.