2010-2011 Legislative Status

PENDING COORDINATING BOARD

No legislation pending at this time.

PENDING UT SYSTEM

D 7825-7844  Proposed revisions of the Handbook of Operating Procedures, Sections 3.18 and 4.03 from the Faculty Grievance Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 9, 2010, and classified as general legislation. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 15, 2010. Transmitted to the president on February 16, 2010. In a letter dated March 22, 2010, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Provost Leslie and Vice President Ohlendorf. Upon the recommendations from Provost Leslie and Vice President Ohlendorf, the proposals were approved by the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 23, 2010.

• Faculty Grievance Procedure (D 7825-7835).
• Teaching Assistant and Assistant Instructor Grievance Procedures (D 7836-7844). This legislation supersedes D 6174-6183, which has been withdrawn.

PENDING PRESIDENT

D 8456-8458  Proposed Revisions to the Departmental Budget Council Constitution and Authority in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 3, 2010. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on November 15, 2010, and transmitted to the president on November 16, 2010. On November 22, 2010, President Powers asked Dr. Steven Leslie, Mr. Kevin Hegarty, and Mrs. Patricia Ohlendorf for written recommendation regarding the legislation. On December 7, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the legislation. Final approval resides with the UT System.

D 8460  Resolution from the Faculty Rules and Governance Committee Regarding Conferral of Degrees. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 3, 2010, and approved by the Faculty Council on November 15, 2010. Transmitted to the president for his consideration on November 16, 2010. On November 22, 2010, President Powers asked Dr. Steven Leslie, Mr. Kevin Hegarty, and Mrs. Patricia Ohlendorf for written recommendation regarding the resolution and its recommendation “that at the Spring Commencement Ceremony the Faculty Council’s delegation of this approval or disapproval to the deans be announced by the Faculty Council chair prior to the presentation of the candidates for graduation by the deans.” On December 7, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended disapproval of the legislation with the following comment:

...the second section (announcement of the delegation during Spring Commencement) is an inefficient use of time. Therefore, it is recommended that the Resolution not be approved in current form. Final approval of this legislation resides with the president of the University.
Upon approval, an informational copy will be transmitted to UT System.

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**D 8563**

**Revision of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, Chapter 1, Section V. Clarifying the Voting Rights of Faculty in Colleges, Schools and Departments.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 8, 2011. The secretary has classified this as *general* legislation. The legislation was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 14, 2011, and transmitted to the president on February 15, 2011. In a letter dated February 22, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On March 2, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the revision. Final approval resides with UT System.

**D 8512-8513**

**Proposed Changes to the Voting Rights of the General Faculty in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on January 10, 2011. The secretary has classified this as *major* legislation. Approved by the Faculty Council on January 24, 2011, and by the voting members of the General Faculty on February 7, 2011. Transmitted to the president on February 8, 2011. On February 10, 2011, President Powers requested written recommendation regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Mrs. Patricia Ohlendorf. On March 8, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the legislation. Final approval of this legislation resides with the UT System.

**D 8563**

**Revision of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, Chapter 1, Section V. Clarifying the Voting Rights of Faculty in Colleges, Schools, and Departments.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 8, 2011. The secretary has classified this as *general* legislation. The legislation was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 14, 2011, and transmitted to the president on February 15, 2011. In a letter dated February 22, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On March 2, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the revision. Final approval resides with UT System.

**D 8664**

**Proposed Changes from the Committee on Committees to Increase General Faculty Standing Committee Terms of Service to Three Years.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as *general* legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposed changes. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. Final approval resides with UT System.
Proposal to clarify Rules Relating to the Elections of Vice Chairs and Chair Elects of General Faculty Standing Committees. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as **general legislation**. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposal. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. Final approval resides with UT System. Final approval resides with UT System.

**PENDING PROVOST**

Revision of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, Chapter 1, Section V. Clarifying the Voting Rights of Faculty in Colleges, Schools, and Departments. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 8, 2011. The secretary has classified this as **general legislation**. The legislation was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 14, 2011, and transmitted to the president on February 15, 2011. In a letter dated February 22, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On March 2, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the revision. Final approval resides with UT System.

Proposed Revisions to UT Austin's *HOP 3.16 Threatened Faculty Retrenchment*. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 31, 2011. The secretary has classified this as **emergency major legislation**. The legislation was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 11, 2011, and then by the General Faculty on a no-protest basis on April 28, 2011. It was transmitted to the president on April 29, 2011. On April 29, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendation regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. Final approval resides with UT System. Notice of no protest can be found under D 8659.

**PENDING FACULTY COUNCIL**

No legislation pending at this time.

**PENDING GENERAL FACULTY**

No legislation pending at this time.

**PENDING GENERAL FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEES**

No legislation pending at this time.

**ITEMS UNDER RECONSIDERATION**

No legislation pending at this time.

**COMPETED/CLOSED**
Motion to Update the Core Curriculum Course Lists for the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 31, 2009. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 13, 2009. Transmitted to the provost on April 14, 2009. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice president for academic affairs on April 23, 2009. Approved by the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment and an information copy was transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on May 5, 2009.

Addition of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with a Major in Biological Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 24, 2009, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On December 4, 2009, approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 7, 2009. Approved by the provost on behalf of the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 19, 2010. Non-substantive changes were made to the legislation and approved by the three proposing colleges on March 30, 2010. The Faculty Council on a no-protest basis approved the updated legislation on May 3, 2010. The approved revisions were transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on May 4, 2010, which were subsequently transmitted to UT System by the provost on behalf of the president. On May 18, 2010, the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs transmitted notification of approval to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Final approval received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on October 5, 2010.

Addition of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with a Major in Geographical Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 24, 2009, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On December 4, 2009, approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 7, 2009. Approved by the provost on behalf of the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 19, 2010. Non-substantive changes were made to the legislation and approved by the three proposing colleges on March 30, 2010. The Faculty Council on a no-protest basis approved the updated legislation on May 3, 2010. The approved revisions were transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on May 4, 2010, which were subsequently transmitted to UT System by the provost on behalf of the president. On May 18, 2010, the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs transmitted notification of approval to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Final approval received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on October 5, 2010.

Addition of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with a Major in Geological Sciences in the Jackson School of Geosciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 24, 2009, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On December 4, 2009, approved by the Faculty Council on a
Proposal to Changes to the Functions of the Committee on Committees and the Faculty Rules and Governance Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 9, 2010, and classified as general legislation. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 15, 2010. Transmitted to the president on February 16, 2010. In a letter dated February 18, 2010, written recommendations regarding the legislation were requested from Provost Leslie and Vice President Ohlendorf. On September 3, 2010, final approval was received from the president.

Proposed Changes to the Science Requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the School of Nursing Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 10, 2010, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 22, 2010. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on February 23, 2010. Approved and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 6, 2010. Approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 16, 2010. Final approval received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on September 21, 2010.

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 12, 2010, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 17, 2010. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on February 18, 2010. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 16, 2010. Due to the nonsubstantive nature of the request, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board only needed to be advised of the approval. No further action is required.

Proposals from the Faculty Committee on Committees Affecting Terms of Service, Term Limits, Chairs, and Chair Elects. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 12, 2010. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 22, 2010. Transmitted to the president on March 23, 2010. In a letter dated March 26, 2010, written recommendations regarding the legislation were requested from Provost Leslie, Vice President Hegarty, and Vice President Ohlendorf.
In a letter dated June 28, 2010, Provost Leslie submitted his recommendation for partial approval and partial disapproval of the eight proposals as follows:

1. Disapproval of the proposal for the Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets to elect its own chair. The provost stated, “I believe it is important that the president be able to select a chair with demonstrated leadership and collaboration skills.”

2. Approval of changing the standard terms on faculty standing committees from two to three years.

3. Disapproval of the extension of service to a maximum of six, eight, and twelve years on committees with two, three, and five year terms of service. The provost indicated that the two-term limit should not be changed and referenced his comment relating to proposal two.

4. Approval of the first rule providing for three-year chair limits for committees with three-year terms and disapproval of the second rule providing for eight years on committees with five-year terms.

5. Approval of the proposal that creates a deadline for selection of the chair elect.

6. Disapproval of the proposal that would allow chair elects to serve beyond term limits. However, the provost indicated that he “would be inclined to approve the first two sentences of the proposal.

7. Disapproval of the proposal that allows past chairs to serve an additional year. The provost indicated that he would approve the proposal if amended with the stipulation that no committee member (including past chairs) is allowed to serve beyond two continuous terms.

8. Approval of the proposal that seeks to clarify rules for selection of vice chair and chair elect.

In a letter dated September 15, 2010, President Powers concurred with the concerns expressed by Provost Leslie and returned the proposal to the Faculty Council for reconsideration.

Professor Dean Neikirk (electrical and computer engineering) charged the Committee on Committees to review the recommendations and to report back to the Faculty Council and/or draft a revised proposal.

On March 7, 2011, Secretary Sue Alexander Greninger wrote to President Powers requesting that he reconsider the proposal for the Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets to elect its own chair. On April 12, 2011, President Powers responded by approving the implementation of the section that allows the Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets to elect its own chair.

Proposal from the Faculty Rules and Governance Committee Recommending Changes to the Parliamentarian Language in the Rules and Regulations. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 12, 2010. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 22, 2010. Transmitted to the president on March 23, 2010. In a letter dated March 26, 2010, written recommendations regarding the legislation were requested from Provost Leslie and Vice President Ohlendorf. In a letter dated June 30, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended disapproval of the
proposal. He suggested resolving the conflict by retaining the first sentence of HOP C.1, Sec I, D.4., and striking the second sentence, which would then read as follows:

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed annually by the President upon the advice of the Faculty Council, and may be reappointed.

In a letter dated September 15, 2010, President Powers concurred with the concerns expressed by Provost Leslie and returned the proposal to the Faculty Council for reconsideration.

Professor Dean Neikirk (electrical and computer engineering) charged the Faculty Rules and Governance Committee to review the recommendations and to report back to the Faculty Council and/or draft a revised proposal.

**HOP 3.16: Threatened Faculty Entrenchment.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 16, 2010. The secretary has classified this proposal as major legislation. Due to a lack of quorum at the April 12, 2010, meeting, the vote on the legislation was postponed until May 10, 2010. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on May 10, 2010. Approved by the General Faculty on a no-protest basis on May 25, 2010. Transmitted to the president on May 27, 2010. On June 1, 2010, the president requested a written recommendation from the provost and the vice president for legal affairs regarding this legislation. Provost Leslie responded to the president on June 17, 2010, recommending disapproval stating

I am concerned that this legislation departs substantially from UT System guidelines. It reduces excessively the decision-making authority of the president as it relates to selection of the faculty committee, and I recommend that this legislation no be approved.

In a letter dated September 15, 2010, President Powers concurred with the concerns expressed by Provost Leslie and returned the proposal to the Faculty Council for reconsideration.

On behalf of the Faculty Council Executive Committee, Janet Staiger (past chair and professor, radio-television-film) is working with the administrations to revise the proposal.

**Proposal to Change the Function and Composition of the C-13 Information Technology Committee.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 26, 2010. The secretary has classified this proposal as general legislation. Due to time constraints at the Faculty Council meeting on May 10, 2010, the Council voted to consider this proposal on a no-protest basis. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 25, 2010. Transmitted to the president on May 26, 2010. On May 27, 2010, the president’s office requested written recommendations from the provost and the vice president and chief financial officer regarding this legislation. On June 30, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal with a note that if the
proposal to extend standard term limits from two to three years (D 7976-7978) “is approved, then for this legislation the president should be given a slate which includes four members of college IT committees, of whom two will be selected each year. With staggered terms, two of the six IT committee representatives will roll off each year and need to be replaced.”

In a letter dated September 15, 2010, President Powers concurred with the concerns expressed by Provost Leslie and returned the proposal to the Faculty Council for reconsideration.

Professor Dean Neikirk (electrical and computer engineering) charged the Committee on Committees to review the recommendations and to report back to the Faculty Council and/or draft a revised proposal.

D 8400
Resolution from the Faculty Council Executive Committee Regarding the Creation of College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committees. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on September 15, 2010. Endorsed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on September 20, 2010. Transmitted to the president for his information on September 21, 2010. President Powers acknowledged receipt of the resolution on November 2, 2010. No further action is required.

D 8423-8424
Report of the Committee to Nominate Voting Members to the Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 20, 2010. The Faculty Council elected two members, Catherine Cubbin (associate professor, social work) and Xiaofen Keating (associate professor, curriculum and instruction), to the Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee at its meeting on October 25, 2010. The results were transmitted to Dean Paul Woodruff on October 26, 2010.

D 8432
Faculty Council Executive Committee Resolution on University Budget Issues 10/25/10. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 21, 2010. The Faculty Council the resolution at its meeting on October 25, 2010. Transmitted to the president on October 26, 2010. President Powers acknowledged receipt of the resolution on November 2, 2010. No further action is required.

D 8459
Proposed Change to the System Faculty Advisory Council Representatives from UT Austin in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 3, 2010. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on November 15, 2010, and transmitted to the president on November 16, 2010. On November 18, 2010, President Powers asked Provost Leslie for written recommendation regarding the legislation. On December 7, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the legislation. On January 6, 2011, the president granted final approval.

D 8484
Proposed Changes to the Attendance Policy for the Faculty Council in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 23, 2010. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 6, 2010, and transmitted to the president on

**D 8485-8486**

Proposed Changes to the Description of the Parliamentarian of the General Faculty in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 23, 2010. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 6, 2010, and transmitted to the president on December 7, 2010. On December 10, 2010, President Powers requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steve Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On January 28, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval. On April 12, 2011, President Powers transmitted his recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at UT System. Final approval received from UT System on May 3, 2011.

**D 8487**

Proposed Changes to the Description of the Secretary of the General Faculty in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 23, 2010. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 6, 2010, and transmitted to the president on December 7, 2010. On December 10, 2010, President Powers requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steve Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On January 28, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval. On April 12, 2011, President Powers transmitted his recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at UT System. Final approval received from UT System on May 3, 2011.

**D 8561**

Resolution reaffirming the Ban of Firearms on Campus. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 1, 2011. The resolution (D 6849) was originally affirmed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 16, 2009. The reaffirmation was endorsed by the Faculty Council at its meeting of February 14, 2011, and was transmitted to the president for his information. On March 3, 2011, President Powers acknowledged receipt of the resolution. No further action is required.

**D 8576**

Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the University Co-op Board of Directors. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 10, 2011. The secretary has classified this as general legislation. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21, 2011, and transmitted to the president on March 22, 2011. In a letter dated March 31, 2011, President Powers notified the secretary that he had appointed Diana DiNitto (professor, social work) to serve a four-year term beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2015. Final approval of this legislation resides with the president.

**D 8577**

Resolution of Support for UT Chancellor Cigarroa's Letter on the Issue of Concealed Handguns on Campuses. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 10, 2011. The secretary has classified this
as *general* legislation. The resolution was endorsed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21, 2011. On March 22, 2011, the resolution was transmitted to the president for his information. No further action is required.

**Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the Intercollegiate Athletics Councils for Men and Women.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 31, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as *general* legislation. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 11, 2011, and transmitted to the president on April 13, 2011. On April 20, 2011, President Powers appointed Dr. Hunter C. March (professor, music) to serve on the Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Women. On April 27, 2011, Dr. Mia Carter (associate professor, English) to serve on the Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Men. Each new member will serve a four-year term from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2015. Final approval of this legislation resided with the president. No further action is required.

**Resolutions on the Faculty’s Role in the UT Austin Budget Process.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 5, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as *general* legislation. The resolution was originally scheduled to be presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 11, 2011, but was postponed to May 9, 2011, due to lack of time. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council amended and then endorsed the resolution. It was transmitted to the president for his information on May 10, 2011. In a letter dated May 20, 2011, President Powers acknowledged receipt of the resolution stating “As we continue to evaluate the processes by which budget decisions are made, I will keep in mind the recommendations of the Faculty Council.”

**Update to the Science and Technology Part I Core Curriculum Course Lists for the Undergraduate Catalog, 2010-2012.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 19, 2011. The secretary has classified this proposal as *general* legislation. The proposed changes to the core course lists were reviewed and approved by UGSAC during its meetings on March 23, 2011. On April 18, 2011, the Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval to the Faculty Council. On April 28, 2011, the Faculty Council approved this legislation on a no-protest basis. On April 29, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president. On May 2, 2011, Provost Leslie transmitted his recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at UT System. On June 22, 2011, the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment transmitted notification of approval to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The THECB confirmed approval of the modification of the core curriculum effective July 1, 2011.

**Schedule of Meetings for the Faculty Council in 2011-2012.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the schedule. It was transmitted to the president for his information on May 10, 2011.
D 8662  Cancellation of Summer Meetings of the Faculty Council. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the cancelation of the scheduled summer meetings. This action was transmitted to the president for his information on May 10, 2011.

D 8663  UT Austin Faculty Council Vote of Confidence in the President William Powers and his Administrative Team. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the schedule. It was transmitted to the president for his information on May 10, 2011. In a letter dated May 20, 2011, President Powers acknowledged receipt of the resolution stating

I am sincerely grateful to the Faculty Council for this public expression of appreciation and gratitude, and I give my thanks to every Council member and all the goods folks in the Office of the Faculty Council for everything you do to promote, preserve, and uphold our constitutional mandate to be a "University of the first class."

D 8666-8667  Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee for New One-Time-Exception Policy. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposal. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. On June 21, 2011, President Powers transmitted his recommendation for approval to UT System with the following editorial clarifications:

Provisions for Drops
3. A student may not drop a class if there are any pending investigations of scholastic dishonesty for the course in question; this will be...
5. A student who has completed at least two long semesters at the University of Texas at Austin may only drop a class if he or she has an average grade of D+, D-, or F in the course at the time of the request. This will...

Final approval resides with UT System.
3. Pending scholastic dishonesty will be verified by the student's dean's office with the Dean of Students Office. Withdrawal will not be approved if there is a pending scholastic dishonesty case.

On June 22, 2011, the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment approved the proposal.

D 8668  Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Revise Dropping a Class: Rules for Undergraduates. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item
as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposal. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. On June 22, 2011, President Powers transmitted the proposal to the executive vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment recommending approval and implementation of the proposal. On June 23, 2011, the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment approved the legislation.

D 8669  Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Revise the Retroactive Withdrawal Policy. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposal. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. On June 17, 2011, President Powers transmitted the proposal to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs recommending approval of the legislation. On June 22, 2011, the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment approved the proposal.

D 8670  Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Revise the In Absentia Registration Policy. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. The secretary has classified this item as general legislation. On May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council approved the proposal. On May 10, 2011, the legislation was transmitted to the president. In a letter dated May 16, 2011, the president’s office requested written recommendations regarding the legislation from Dr. Steven Leslie and Ms. Patricia Ohlendorf. On May 31, 2011, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the proposal. On June 17, 2011, President Powers transmitted the proposal to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs recommending approval of the legislation. On June 22, 2011, the associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment approved the proposal.

D 8671-8672  Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Council Officers for 2011-2012. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 4, 2011. At its meeting on May 9, 2011, the Faculty Council elected the following officers to serve on the Faculty Council Executive Committee for 2011-12: Alba A. Ortiz, chair elect (professor, special education), Mark I. Alpert (professor, marketing), Karen L. Rascati (professor, pharmacy), and Stanley J. Roux (professor, molecular cell and developmental biology). Other members of the 2011-12 Faculty Council Executive Committee are Alan W. Freidman, chair (professor, English), Dean P. Neikirk, past chair (professor, electrical and computer engineering), Sue A. Greninger (secretary associate professor, human development and family sciences), and Shernaz B. Garcia, chair, Graduate Assembly (associate professor, special education).