2014-2015 Legislative Status

PENDING COORDINATING BOARD

No legislation pending at this time.

PENDING UT SYSTEM

No legislation pending at this time.

PENDING PRESIDENT

D 12023-12029 2014-2015 Faculty Rules and Governance Committee Proposal to Change the Meetings Section of the Handbook of Operating Procedures 2-1010 (General Faculty) and Handbook of Operating Procedures 2-1120 (By-Laws of the Faculty Council). Posted on the Faculty Council website on December 3, 2014, and classified as legislation of major interest. It was be presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on December 8, 2014. On January 26, 2015, the voting members of the General Faculty approved the legislation by a vote of thirty-seven in favor, ten against, and two. Final approval resides with the president with formal notification to UT System.

PENDING PROVOST

D 11169-11170 Faculty Educational Benefit Proposal from the Faculty Welfare Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council website on January 16, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest. The Faculty Council approved the proposal at its meeting on January 27, 2014, and it was transmitted to the president on January 29, 2014. On March 12, 2014, the president’s office requested written recommendation regarding the legislation from Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves, Vice President for University Operations Patricia Clubb, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty, and Vice President for Legal Affairs Patricia Ohlendorf. Final approval resides with the president.

PENDING FACULTY COUNCIL

D 12130-12131 Report of the Committee to Nominate Voting Faculty Members to the Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee (UGSAC). The Faculty Council Executive Committee postponed the report to finalize the final ballot of candidates. The Faculty Council will elect UGSAC representatives at its meeting on April 13, 2015.

D 12132 Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the Co-op Board of Directors. The Faculty Council Executive Committee postponed the report to allow more time to finalize the panel of names to be submitted to the president for consideration. The Faculty Council will act on the legislation at its meeting on April 13, 2015.

PENDING GENERAL FACULTY

No legislation pending at this time.
PENDING GENERAL FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEES

D 11935-11938 Proposal to Restructure the Student Life and Activities Committee into Two Separate Committees with Two Separate Functions. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 3, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest. The proposal was to be considered by the Faculty Council at its November 17 meeting. On November 14, it was withdrawn for further consideration. On January 26, 2015, the Faculty Council voted to table the proposal to allow the committee to meet with the Intercollegiate Athletics Councils. The proposal is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 13, 2015. Final approval resides with the president.

D 12128-12129 Proposal to Remove In Absentia Registration Fee. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 25, 2015 and classified as legislation of general interest. On March 9, 2015, the Faculty Council voted to table the proposal so that the committee could consult with the Office of Graduate Studies to determine the impact of the legislation on their programs.

ITEMS UNDER RECONSIDERATION

No legislation pending at this time.

COMPETED/CLOSED

D 8456-8458 Proposed Revisions to the Departmental Budget Council Constitution and Authority in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 3, 2010, and classified as general legislation. On November 15, 2010, the Faculty Council approved the proposal, and it was transmitted to the president on November 16, 2010. On November 22, 2010, President Powers asked Executive Vice President and Provost Steven Leslie and Vice Presidents Patricia Ohlendorf and Kevin Hegarty for written recommendation regarding the legislation. On December 7, 2010, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the legislation. On September 3, 2013, Vice President Ohlendorf responded with concerns stating that the proposed change would involve the Budget Council (or other departmental or non-departmentalized college/school governance body) in all hiring decisions with the chair (or non-departmentalized dean) and that it may not provide the flexibility to meet immediate teaching needs and/or to make changes at year end. She also expressed that she did not think that the modifications in paragraph 5 of the Handbook of Operating Procedures provision were needed, but that there was no legal objection to them. On October 3, 2013, the president’s office requested written recommendation from Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves. On August 29, 2014, Provost Fenves transmitted the proposal to President Powers recommending approval. On September 3, 2014, President Powers transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On October 21, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

D 10332-10342 Request to Add a UTeach Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching
Option Certificate and/or Request for Recognition on the University Transcripts in the College of Natural Sciences Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on August 26, 2013, and classified as general legislation. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on April 29, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On September 5, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the proposal on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on September 9, 2013. On October 28, 2013, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On August 21, 2014, UT System recommended approval and transmitted the legislation to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. However, on April 15, 2014, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board had already granted final approval.

D 10343-10347 Request to Add an Evidence and Inquiry Certificate and/or Request for Recognition on the University Transcripts in the College of Natural Sciences Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on August 26, 2013, and classified as general legislation. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on April 29, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On September 5, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the proposal on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on September 9, 2013. On October 28, 2013, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On April 15, 2014, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board acknowledged UT System’s approval of the certificate.

D 10348-10355 Request to Add a Pre-Health Professions Certificate and/or Request for Recognition on the University Transcripts in the College of Natural Sciences Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on August 26, 2013, and classified as general legislation. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on April 29, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On September 5, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the proposal on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on September 9, 2013. On October 28, 2013, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On April 15, 2014, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board acknowledged UT System’s approval of the certificate.

D 10627-10629 Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts: Acting Major Degree Program in the College of Fine Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on September 26, 2013, and classified as legislation of exclusive application and primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the change on September 25, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On October 3, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on behalf of the

D 10674-10685

Proposed Changes to the Degrees and Programs Section in the School of Business Section in the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on October 10, 2013, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on September 25, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On October 21, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 22, 2013. On November 4, 2014, from Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. In a memorandum to Sr. Vice Provost David Laude dated April 8, 2014, Dean Thomas Gilligan requested that the third writing flag be rolled back. On August 14, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

D 10727-10732

Update to the Core Curriculum Course Lists for the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 8, 2013, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The proposed changes to the core course lists were reviewed and approved by Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee during its meetings on May 20, June 3, August 22, September 17, and October 24, 2013. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on November 6, 2013, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On November 18, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the amended legislation, and it was transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 19, 2013. On November 19, 2013, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On March 13, 2014, UT System granted approval. Final approval resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

D 10875-10881

Request to Add a National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges Scholars Program Certificate and/or Request for Recognition on the University Transcripts in the Cockrell School of Engineering Section in the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 20, 2013, and classified as being of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval on November 13, 2013, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. On December 6, 2013, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 9, 2013. On February 14, 2014, transmitted the proposals to UT System recommending approval. On June 19, 2014, UT System
transmitted its recommendation of approval to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. On November 14, 2014, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval.

**Proposal to Delete the Texas IP Certificate Program in the College of Liberal Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 22, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 21, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and they were forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 24, 2014. On March 3, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On September 15, 2014, UT System granted final approval and transmitted formal notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Proposed Changes to the Applied Learning & Development Degree Program in the College of Education Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 22, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 21, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

**Proposed Changes to the Health Promotion Degree Program (D 11248-11250).**

**Proposed Changes to the Middle Grades, Secondary, and All-Level Teacher Certification Programs (D 11255-11257).**

**Proposed Changes to the Sport Management Degree Program in the College of Education Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.**

Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7,
2014, and classified as of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 22, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 21, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 21, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

**D 11275-11280**

**Proposed Changes to the Language Requirements in the BA Plan I and II Degree Programs in the College of Liberal Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as being of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 22, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 24, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

**D 11281-11283a**

**Proposed Changes to the Global Track in the Business Foundations Certificate Program in the McCombs School of Business Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on January 29, 2014, and classified as legislation of *general* interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 26, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 27, 2014. On August 6, 2014, Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment and Graduation Management David Laude transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On September 18, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

**D 11284-11292**

**Proposed Changes to the Flags in the College of Fine Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as being of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and they were forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 21, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.
• Proposed Changes to the Flags in the Department of Art and Art History (D 11284-11286).
• Proposed Changes to the Flags in the Butler School of Music (D 11287-11289).
• Proposed Changes to the Flags in the Department of Theatre and Dance (D 11290-11292).

D 11293-11297

Proposed Changes to the BS in Computer Science Integrated Program in the College of Natural Sciences Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 21, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 24, 2014. On March 4, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On March 31, 2014, UT System granted approval and transmitted the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. On July 2, 2014, UT System followed up with an additional transmission granting approval with notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. On August 28, 2014, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval.

D 11298-11300

Proposed Changes to the BA Plan I, BS in Psychology and BS in Environmental Science Degree Programs in the College of Liberal Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 24, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

D 11321-11323

Proposed Changes to the Skills and Experience Flags in the School of Undergraduate Studies Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 21, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 24, 2014. On February 24, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On April 4, 2014, UT System granted final approval.
Proposed Changes to the Admission and Registration Section in the College of Education Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 29, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 14, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves on behalf of the president on February 17, 2014. On February 21, 2014, Provost Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 21, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

Proposal to Create a Health and Society Degree Program in the College of Liberal Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 5, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 21, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 24, 2014. On March 4, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On June 3, 2014, the provost’s office transmitted additional paperwork related to the proposed legislation. On July 2, 2014, UT System granted approval and transmitted the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. On September 23, 2014, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval.

Requests to Create Certificate Programs in the College of Liberal Arts Section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 7, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the additions on February 5, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On February 21, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and they were forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on February 24, 2014. On March 6, 2014, transmitted the proposals to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

- Request to Add an African Studies Certificate Program (D 11331-11334).
- Request to Add a Creative Writing Certificate Program (D 11335-11338).
- Request to Add a History and Philosophy of Science Certificate Program (D 11339-11344).
- Request to Add an LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Certificate Program (D 11345-11350).
Proposed Changes to the College of Liberal Arts Section of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 3, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 26, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On March 10, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and the proposals were forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on March 11, 2014. On March 19, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On April 7, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

- Proposed Changes to the Rhetoric and Writing Honors Program (D 11397-11399)
- Proposed Changes to the BA of Science and Arts Degree (D 11400-11402)

Proposed Changes to the Electrical Engineering Degree Program in the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 3, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 26, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On March 10, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and the proposal was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on March 11, 2014. On March 19, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On April 4, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

Proposed Changes to the Admission, Transfer, and Pass/Fail Policies in the Law School Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 3, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 26, 2014, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. On March 10, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and the proposal was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on March 11, 2014. On March 19, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On March 19, 2014, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the proposal to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

Proposed Changes to the External Transfer Admission Requirements in the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 24, 2014, and classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.
The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the change at noon on March 24, 2014, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. On March 28, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and it was forwarded to the provost on behalf of the president on April 2, 2014. On August 6, 2014, Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment and Graduation Management David Laude transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval. On August 20, 2014, UT System granted final approval.

D 11508-11512 Proposal from the University Academic Calendar Committee to Extend the Thanksgiving Break. Posted on the Faculty Council website on March 31, 2014, and classified as legislation of major interest to the General Faculty. On May 5, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the proposal, which was submitted to the General Faculty members on a no-protest basis with a protest deadline of May 19. Forty-nine protests had been received by the deadline; therefore, on September 15, 2014, a special meeting of the General Faculty was held to consider the matter, but there was not a quorum. Consequently, the legislation was returned to the Faculty Council, which met immediately following the adjournment of the special General Faculty meeting. Following discussion of the legislation, voting members of the Faculty Council approved the legislation by a show of hands, twenty-seven in favor and nineteen against. On September 16, 2014, the legislation was transmitted to the president. On January 23, 2015, President Powers granted final approval with notification to UT System. On February 13, 2015, UT System acknowledged and concurred with President Powers' decision.

D 11521-11523 Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Change the Twenty-four of the Last Thirty Semester Hours Rule in the General Requirements Section of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-1016. Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 10, 2014, and classified as legislation of major interest to the General Faculty. The Faculty Council approved the legislation at its meeting on May 5, 2014. It was submitted to the General Faculty members on a no-protest basis with a protest deadline of May 19; however, only four protests were received, and therefore, it was considered to have been approved by the General Faculty. On May 22, 2014, the legislation was transmitted to the president. On July 11, 2014, President Powers granted final approval with formal notification to UT System being transmitted on July 16, 2014. On August 8, 2014, UT System Granted final approval.

D 11877 Resolution from the Faculty Council Executive Committee Regarding Conferral of Degrees. Posted on the Faculty Council website on September 3, 2014. The Faculty Council endorsed the resolution at its meeting on September 15, 2014, it was transmitted to the president on September 16, 2014. No further action is required.

D 11939-11943 Proposed Revisions to the Mission Statement of Faculty Building Advisory Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 3, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest. On November 17, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation. On November 18, 2014, it was transmitted to the president for consideration. On November 26, 2014, Executive Vice President and
Provost Gregory Fenves recommended approval. On December 1, 2014, President Powers granted final approval.

**D 11944-11945 Resolution to Urge the Reinstatement of Steven Salaita at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 3, 2014. On November 17, 2014, the Faculty Council amended and endorsed the resolution and was transmitted to the president for his information on November 18, 2014. No further action required.

**D 11981-11984 Updates to the Undergraduate Core Curriculum Course Lists.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on November 24, 2014, and classified as legislation of general interest. On December 8, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation and on December 9, 2014, it was transmitted to the president for consideration. On January 22, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves transmitted the legislation to UT System. On February 16, 2015, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board acknowledged receipt. On February 19, 2015, UT System recommended approval. On March 16, 2015, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval of the core curriculum course lists, which will be effective beginning the fall 2015 semester.

**D 12031 UT Austin General Faculty Resolution on President Powers, Jr.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on January 12, 2015. In recognition of President William Powers, Jr., Chair Bill Beckner (mathematics) submitted the following resolution. The General Faculty unanimously endorsed the resolution at its annual meeting held January 26, 2015. For his information, the resolution was transmitted to President Powers on January 30, 2015. No further action is required.

**D 12072 2015 Resolution Reaffirming the Ban of Firearms on Campus.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 4, 2015. The Faculty Council unanimously endorsed the resolution at its meeting on February 16, 2015. On February 23, 2015, the resolution was transmitted to President Powers for his information. No further action is required.

**D 12123-12124 Proposal to Formally Encourage Students to Speak with Professors before Dropping a Class.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 25, 2015 and classified as legislation of general interest. On March 9, 2015, the Faculty Council unanimously approved the legislation. On March 10, 2015, it was transmitted to the president. On March 13, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves recommended approval. On March 16, 2015, President Powers granted final approval and sent formal notification to UT System.

**D 12125-12127 Proposed Changes to the Current Policy on Drops and One Time Exception (OTE) Drops.** Posted on the Faculty Council website on February 25, 2015 and classified as legislation of general interest. On March 9, 2015, the Faculty Council unanimously approved the legislation. On March 10, 2015, it was transmitted to the president. On March 13, 2015, Executive Vice President and Provost Gregory Fenves
recommended approval. On March 16, 2015, President Powers granted final approval and sent formal notification to UT System.