

## *Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

### **Dr. Teresa A. Sullivan**

**Teresa A. Sullivan** is Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at The University of Texas System, and she also holds appointments as Professor of Sociology and Professor and Cox & Smith, Inc., Faculty Fellow in Law at The University of Texas at Austin. She earned a bachelor's degree from James Madison College of Michigan State University in 1970 and she received her Ph.D. in 1975 from The University of Chicago. She has been a member of the faculty at The University of Texas since 1981. A labor force demographer, she writes on issues of economic marginality. She received the 1990 Silver Gavel Award of the American Bar Association for her co-authored study of consumer bankruptcy, As We Forgive Our Debtors: Bankruptcy and Consumer Credit in America (Oxford, 1990). Her co-authored study The Fragile Middle Class (Yale, 2000) was awarded the 2000 Writing Competition Award of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. She is the co-author of the leading textbook on the sociology of work, The Social Organization of Work (third edition, Wadsworth, 2002). She regularly teaches a freshman seminar entitled "Credit Cards, Debt, and American Society." She has won three major teaching awards for her undergraduate teaching.

As chief academic officer of the UT System, Dr. Sullivan is responsible for issues of academic quality at the nine institutions located in Arlington, Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, Edinburg (The University of Texas-Pan American), El Paso, Odessa (The University of Texas of the Permian Basin), San Antonio, and Tyler, and with liaison to the System's six health institutions.

In her previous position as Vice President and Graduate Dean at The University of Texas at Austin, Vice President Sullivan was responsible for 93 master's and doctoral programs that enrolled over 11,000 students. In 2000, the Graduate School was recognized with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for Innovation in Graduate Education. During her tenure, and despite the elimination of affirmative action in 1996 because of the *Hopwood* decision, UT-Austin consistently led the nation in the production of Hispanic PhD's. Her portfolio also included the fifth-largest university library system in North America; international programs; the renowned Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center; the Michener Center for Writers; the Center for American History; the Winedale Historical District; the University of Texas Press; the Dobie-Paisano Writer's Retreat; the Sam Rayburn Library in Bonham, Texas; and the John Nance Garner House in Uvalde, Texas.

Dr. Sullivan is past president of the Association of Graduate Schools, the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, and the Association of Texas Graduate Schools. She is a former member of the GRE Board, past Secretary of the American Sociological Association, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, for which she is past Chair of the Section on Social, Economic, and Political Science, and past Chair of the U.S. Census Advisory Committee. Following the 1990 and 2000 censuses, she served on advisory boards to the Secretary on Commerce on the accuracy of the census count.

Teresa Sullivan has been married for thirty-four years to constitutional scholar H. Douglas Laycock, and they are the parents of Joseph Peter, aged 24, and John Patrick, aged 17. In her spare time, Sullivan is an avid volkssporter and she reads (and occasionally writes) science fiction. She is a former Trustee and Vice Chair of the Board of St. Michael's Catholic Academy, and she does volunteer work for St. Austin's Church, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and the Colorado River Walkers.