

1 September 2, 2010
2 **S.R. 1002**

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4 **Title: **Calling for the Creation of College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committees****
5 ****(CTBAC) in the Colleges and Schools of The University of Texas at Austin****

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7 **WHEREAS,** The State of Texas has called for a five percent budget reduction this coming year
8 and has made plans for an additional ten percent budget reduction for the
9 upcoming biennium; and,

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11 **WHEREAS,** While much of the first cut was absorbed by the administrative units of the
12 University, much of the second ten percent cut will be passed along to the
13 academic units; and,

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15 **WHEREAS,** A ten percent cut to the academic budget has the potential to significantly and
16 negatively affect the quality of students' educations as well as their ability to
17 graduate in a timely manner, a significant concern for the University as outlined
18 by the Task Force on Enrollment Strategy; and,

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20 **WHEREAS,** No mechanism currently exists in most of the colleges and schools of the
21 University to gather student and faculty input and reactions to proposed budgetary
22 changes; and,

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24 **WHEREAS,** Such feedback could provide a critical student voice into the process of making
25 these cuts within the academic core; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** TPAC and other university-wide groups have called for the inclusion of
28 stakeholders and specifically students in the budgeting and tuition setting process;
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31 **WHEREAS,** The creation of committees to advise in budgetary decisions, differential tuition
32 setting and college or school priorities would make significant steps toward
33 creating a more transparent budgeting system; now, therefore, be it

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35 **RESOLVED,** That the Senate of College Councils recommends that the colleges and schools
36 create committees consisting of faculty and students selected by an appropriate
37 governing body in the college; and, be it further,

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39 **RESOLVED,** That Senate recommends that these committees have jurisdiction to make
40 recommendations concerning college priorities, budget allocations and cuts, and
41 differential tuition in the college; and, be it further,

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43 **RESOLVED,** That Senate recommends that these committees issue a written report outlining its
44 recommendations within each area of its jurisdiction; and, be it further,

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46 **RESOLVED,** That Senate recommends that these committees maintain transparency within the
47 larger college or school community through the use of open meetings and forums
48 both before and after issuing a written report; and, be it further,
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50 **RESOLVED,** That each college council of the Senate of College Councils, in consultation with
51 the Graduate Student Assembly President or his/her delegate, will create a
52 college-specific CTBAC proposal to be approved by each respective college
53 council within six weeks after the passing of this resolution; and, be it further,
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55 **RESOLVED,** That this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, the Office of the
56 Executive Vice President and Provost, the Chair of the Faculty Council, the
57 College Deans, the President of the Graduate Student Assembly, and the President
58 of Student Government.
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