

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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Dear Chairman Beecherl:

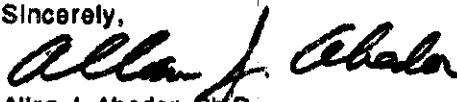
On behalf of the faculty of the entire University of Texas System, the U.T. System Faculty Advisory Council (UTSFAC) wishes to express its appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the selection process of the U.T. System Chancellor. We believe this is an important step toward including faculty in significant System decisions.

Ideally, the search for a Chancellor of a nationally recognized University System should take place over an extended period of time, allowing for an in-depth national search and evaluation of candidates from throughout the nation. The current political and fiscal climate in Texas, unfortunately, does not allow this. The pending 1993 legislative session, facing an anticipated budget shortfall, creates a context which places a premium on filling the Chancellor's position with dispatch. Moreover, this context makes it vital that the new Chancellor understand both the internal complexities of the U.T. System and the external political, fiscal and educational issues which influence higher education in Texas. These factors lend support to the need to identify qualified in-house candidates.

In light of the foregoing, and after review of all candidates including those obtained through the national search, the UTSFAC Executive Committee unequivocally supports the nomination of William H. Cunningham as Chancellor of the University of Texas System. He would bring to the Chancellor's office an ideal blend of knowledge of and experience with the U.T. System, and, at the same time, he has widespread experience with the Texas political process. As President of the largest institution in the System, Dr. Cunningham has manifested a commitment to the integrity of the academy. He has actively supported the concept of faculty governance and he has increased the commitment to faculty and student diversity. Dr. Cunningham is a nationally recognized scholar, an honored teacher and an accomplished administrator. The U.T. System is indeed fortunate to have a candidate with Dr. Cunningham's blend of capabilities and experience.

In sum, we concur with the Chancellor selection criteria established by the U.T. Board of Regents and believe Dr. Cunningham meets these criteria with distinction. The UTSFAC Executive Committee therefore urges favorable action on his nomination.

Sincerely,



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U.T. System Faculty Advisory Council